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70 Human Secreted Proteins

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to newly identified polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides, uses of such polynucleotides and polypeptides, and
5 their production.

Background of the Invention

Unlike bacterium, which exist as a single compartment surrounded by a membrane, human cells and other eucaryotes are subdivided by membranes into many functionally distinct compartments. Each membrane-bounded compartment, or
10 organelle, contains different proteins essential for the function of the organelle. The cell uses "sorting signals," which are amino acid motifs located within the protein, to target proteins to particular cellular organelles.

One type of sorting signal, called a signal sequence, a signal peptide, or a leader sequence, directs a class of proteins to an organelle called the endoplasmic reticulum
15 (ER). The ER separates the membrane-bounded proteins from all other types of proteins. Once localized to the ER, both groups of proteins can be further directed to another organelle called the Golgi apparatus. Here, the Golgi distributes the proteins to vesicles, including secretory vesicles, the cell membrane, lysosomes, and the other organelles.

20 Proteins targeted to the ER by a signal sequence can be released into the extracellular space as a secreted protein. For example, vesicles containing secreted proteins can fuse with the cell membrane and release their contents into the extracellular space - a process called exocytosis. Exocytosis can occur constitutively or after receipt of a triggering signal. In the latter case, the proteins are stored in secretory vesicles (or
25 secretory granules) until exocytosis is triggered. Similarly, proteins residing on the cell membrane can also be secreted into the extracellular space by proteolytic cleavage of a "linker" holding the protein to the membrane.

Despite the great progress made in recent years, only a small number of genes encoding human secreted proteins have been identified. These secreted proteins include
30 the commercially valuable human insulin, interferon, Factor VIII, human growth hormone, tissue plasminogen activator, and erythropoietin. Thus, in light of the pervasive role of secreted proteins in human physiology, a need exists for identifying and characterizing novel human secreted proteins and the genes that encode them. This knowledge will allow one to detect, to treat, and to prevent medical disorders by using
35 secreted proteins or the genes that encode them.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to novel polynucleotides and the encoded polypeptides. Moreover, the present invention relates to vectors, host cells, antibodies, and recombinant methods for producing the polypeptides and polynucleotides. Also provided are diagnostic methods for detecting disorders related to the polypeptides, and therapeutic methods for treating such disorders. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying binding partners of the polypeptides.

Detailed Description

Definitions

The following definitions are provided to facilitate understanding of certain terms used throughout this specification.

In the present invention, "isolated" refers to material removed from its original environment (e.g., the natural environment if it is naturally occurring), and thus is altered "by the hand of man" from its natural state. For example, an isolated polynucleotide could be part of a vector or a composition of matter, or could be contained within a cell, and still be "isolated" because that vector, composition of matter, or particular cell is not the original environment of the polynucleotide.

In the present invention, a "secreted" protein refers to those proteins capable of being directed to the ER, secretory vesicles, or the extracellular space as a result of a signal sequence, as well as those proteins released into the extracellular space without necessarily containing a signal sequence. If the secreted protein is released into the extracellular space, the secreted protein can undergo extracellular processing to produce a "mature" protein. Release into the extracellular space can occur by many mechanisms, including exocytosis and proteolytic cleavage.

As used herein, a "polynucleotide" refers to a molecule having a nucleic acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA contained within the clone deposited with the ATCC. For example, the polynucleotide can contain the nucleotide sequence of the full length cDNA sequence, including the 5' and 3' untranslated sequences, the coding region, with or without the signal sequence, the secreted protein coding region, as well as fragments, epitopes, domains, and variants of the nucleic acid sequence. Moreover, as used herein, a "polypeptide" refers to a molecule having the translated amino acid sequence generated from the polynucleotide as broadly defined.

In the present invention, the full length sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:X was often generated by overlapping sequences contained in multiple clones (contig

analysis). A representative clone containing all or most of the sequence for SEQ ID NO:X was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection ("ATCC"). As shown in Table 1, each clone is identified by a cDNA Clone ID (Identifier) and the ATCC Deposit Number. The ATCC is located at 12301 Park Lawn Drive, Rockville,
5 Maryland 20852, USA. The ATCC deposit was made pursuant to the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for purposes of patent procedure.

A "polynucleotide" of the present invention also includes those polynucleotides capable of hybridizing, under stringent hybridization conditions, to sequences contained
10 in SEQ ID NO:X, the complement thereof, or the cDNA within the clone deposited with the ATCC. "Stringent hybridization conditions" refers to an overnight incubation at 42° C in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5x SSC (750 mM NaCl, 75 mM sodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by washing the
15 filters in 0.1x SSC at about 65°C.

Also contemplated are nucleic acid molecules that hybridize to the polynucleotides of the present invention at lower stringency hybridization conditions. Changes in the stringency of hybridization and signal detection are primarily accomplished through the manipulation of formamide concentration (lower percentages
20 of formamide result in lowered stringency); salt conditions, or temperature. For example, lower stringency conditions include an overnight incubation at 37°C in a solution comprising 6X SSPE (20X SSPE = 3M NaCl; 0.2M NaH₂PO₄; 0.02M EDTA, pH 7.4), 0.5% SDS, 30% formamide, 100 µg/ml salmon sperm blocking DNA; followed by washes at 50°C with 1XSSPE, 0.1% SDS. In addition, to achieve even.
25 lower stringency, washes performed following stringent hybridization can be done at higher salt concentrations (e.g. 5X SSC).

Note that variations in the above conditions may be accomplished through the inclusion and/or substitution of alternate blocking reagents used to suppress background in hybridization experiments. Typical blocking reagents include
30 Denhardt's reagent, BLOTTO, heparin, denatured salmon sperm DNA, and commercially available proprietary formulations. The inclusion of specific blocking reagents may require modification of the hybridization conditions described above, due to problems with compatibility.

Of course, a polynucleotide which hybridizes only to polyA+ sequences (such
35 as any 3' terminal polyA+ tract of a cDNA shown in the sequence listing), or to a

complementary stretch of T (or U) residues, would not be included in the definition of "polynucleotide," since such a polynucleotide would hybridize to any nucleic acid molecule containing a poly (A) stretch or the complement thereof (e.g., practically any double-stranded cDNA clone).

5 The polynucleotide of the present invention can be composed of any polyribonucleotide or polydeoxribonucleotide, which may be unmodified RNA or DNA or modified RNA or DNA. For example, polynucleotides can be composed of single- and double-stranded DNA, DNA that is a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, single- and double-stranded RNA, and RNA that is mixture of single- and
10 double-stranded regions, hybrid molecules comprising DNA and RNA that may be single-stranded or, more typically, double-stranded or a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions. In addition, the polynucleotide can be composed of triple-stranded regions comprising RNA or DNA or both RNA and DNA. A polynucleotide may also contain one or more modified bases or DNA or RNA backbones modified for stability
15 or for other reasons. "Modified" bases include, for example, tritylated bases and unusual bases such as inosine. A variety of modifications can be made to DNA and RNA; thus, "polynucleotide" embraces chemically, enzymatically, or metabolically modified forms.

 The polypeptide of the present invention can be composed of amino acids joined
20 to each other by peptide bonds or modified peptide bonds, i.e., peptide isosteres, and may contain amino acids other than the 20 gene-encoded amino acids. The polypeptides may be modified by either natural processes, such as posttranslational processing, or by chemical modification techniques which are well known in the art. Such modifications are well described in basic texts and in more detailed monographs,
25 as well as in a voluminous research literature. Modifications can occur anywhere in a polypeptide, including the peptide backbone, the amino acid side-chains and the amino or carboxyl termini. It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications. Polypeptides may be
30 branched, for example, as a result of ubiquitination, and they may be cyclic, with or without branching. Cyclic, branched, and branched cyclic polypeptides may result from posttranslation natural processes or may be made by synthetic methods. Modifications include acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a
35 nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative, covalent attachment of phosphatidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-links, formation of cysteine,

formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation, hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristoylation, oxidation, pegylation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA mediated addition of amino acids to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination. (See, for instance, PROTEINS -
5 STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York (1993); POSTTRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C. Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York, pgs. 1-12 (1983); Seifter et al., Meth Enzymol 182:626-646 (1990);
10 Rattan et al., Ann NY Acad Sci 663:48-62 (1992).)

"SEQ ID NO:X" refers to a polynucleotide sequence while "SEQ ID NO:Y" refers to a polypeptide sequence, both sequences identified by an integer specified in Table 1.

"A polypeptide having biological activity" refers to polypeptides exhibiting
15 activity similar, but not necessarily identical to, an activity of a polypeptide of the present invention, including mature forms, as measured in a particular biological assay, with or without dose dependency. In the case where dose dependency does exist, it need not be identical to that of the polypeptide, but rather substantially similar to the dose-dependence in a given activity as compared to the polypeptide of the present
20 invention (i.e., the candidate polypeptide will exhibit greater activity or not more than about 25-fold less and, preferably, not more than about tenfold less activity, and most preferably, not more than about three-fold less activity relative to the polypeptide of the present invention.)

25 Polynucleotides and Polypeptides of the Invention

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 1

The translation product of Gene NO: 1 shares sequence homology with alpha-L-fucosidase which is thought to be important as a lysosomal enzyme that hydrolyzes
30 fucose from fucoglycoconjugates. (See Accession No. gi/178409.) Lysosome fructosidase is involved in certain lysosome storage diseases. (See Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 164(1):439-445 (1989).) Fucosidosis, an autosomal recessive lysosomal storage disorder characterized by progressive neurological deterioration and mental retardation. The disease results from deficient activity of alpha-L-fucosidase, a
35 lysosomal enzyme that hydrolyzes fucose from fucoglycoconjugates. This gene likely encodes a novel fucosidase isoenzyme. Based on homology, it is likely that the translated product of this gene is also involved in lysosome catabolism of molecules and

that aberrations in the concentration and/or composition of this product may be causative in lysosome storage disorders. Preferred polypeptide fragments comprise the amino acid sequence PGHLLPHKWENC (SEQ ID NO: 257).

Gene NO: 1 is expressed primarily in stromal cells, and to a lesser extent in human fetal kidney and human tonsils.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, fucosidosis and other lysosome storage disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to the polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues of cells, particularly of the nervous system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., stromal cells, kidney, tonsils, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology of Gene NO: 1 to alpha-L-fucosidase indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 1 are useful for the treatment of fucosidosis and general lysosomal disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 134 as residues: Met-1 to Leu-6, Thr-32 to Glu-39, Lys-80 to Lys-85, and Met-90 to Pro-96.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 2

The translation product of Gene No. 2 shares sequence homology with stromal cell-derived factor-2 (SDF-2) which is a novel secreted factor. See, for example, Gene, 176(1-2):211-214, (1996, Oct. 17.) The amino acid sequence of SDF-2 shows similarity to yeast dolichyl phosphate-D-mannose:protein mannosyltransferases, Pmt1p [Strahl-Bolsinger et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 90, 8164-8168 (1993)] and Pmt2p [Lussier et al. J. Biol. Chem. 270, 2770-2775 (1995)], whose activities have not been detected in higher eukaryotes. Based on the sequence similarity, the translation product of this gene is expected to share certain biological activities with SDF-2, Pmt1p and Pmt2p.

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Gene NO: 2 is expressed primarily in immune system tissue and cancerous tissues, such as liver hepatoma, human B-cell lymphoma, spleen in a patient suffering

from chronic lymphocytic leukemia, hemangiopericytoma, pharynx carcinoma, breast cancer, thyroid, bone marrow, osteoblasts and to a lesser extent in a few other tissues such as kidney pyramids.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of the diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, disorders in kidney, liver, and immune organs, particularly cancers. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the kidney, liver, thyroid, and bone marrow expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., liver, spleen, B-cells, pharynx, thyroid, mammary tissue, bone marrow, osteoblasts and kidneys, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology of Gene NO: 2 to stromal cell-derived factor-2 indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 2 are useful for diagnosis and therapeutic treatment of disorders in kidney, liver, and immune organs since stromal cells play important role in organ function. Stroma carries the blood supply and provides support for the growth of parenchymal cells and is therefore crucial to the growth of a neoplasm. Nucleic acids of the present invention comprise, but preferably do not consist of, and more preferably do not comprise, SEQ ID NO: 3 from US Patent No. 5,576,423, incorporated herein by reference, and shown herein as SEQ ID NO: 258).

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 135 as residues: His-56 to Gly-65, Ala-74 to Ser-80, Ile-84 to Pro-97, Leu-124 to Glu-129, Glu-135 to Asp-143, Gly-175 to Ser-180, and Ala-194 to Thr-199.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 3

The translation product of Gene NO: 3 shares sequence homology with LZIP-1, LZIP-2 and other leucine zipper proteins, which are thought to be important in nucleic acid binding. This gene has been reported in Mol. Cell. Biol. 17 (9), 5117-5126 (1997) as "Luman". Luman is a cyclic AMP response element (CRE)-binding protein/activating transcription factor 1 protein of the basic leucine zipper superfamily. It binds CREs in

vitro and activates CRE-containing promoters when transfected into COS7 cells. The complete amino acid sequence of Luman reported in: Mol. Cell. Biol. 17 (9): 5117-5126 (1997) is:

MELELDAGDQDLLAFLLEESGDLGTAPDEAVRAPLDWALPLSEVPSDWEVDDLL
 5 CSLLSPPASLNILSSSNPCLVHHHTYSLPRETVSMDLESESCRKEGTQMTPQH
 MEELAEQEIARLVLTDEEKSLLEKEGLLPETLPLTKTEEQILKRVRRKIRNKRSA
 QESRRKKKVYVGGLESRLKYTAQNMELQNKVQLLEEQLNSLLDQLRKLQAM
 VIEISNKTSSSSTCILVLLVSFCLLLVPAMYSSDTRGSLPAEHGVLSRQLRALPSE
 DPYQLELPALQSEVPKDSHTQWLDGSDCVLQAPGNTSCLLHYMPQAPSAEPPL
 10 EWPFPDLSS EPLCRGPILPLQANLTRGGWLPTGSPSVILQDRYSG (SEQ ID
 N:259).

Gene NO: 3 is expressed primarily in apoptotic T-cells and Soares senescent cells and to a lesser extent in multiple tissues and cell types, including, multiple sclerosis tissue, and hippocampus.

15 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, immunologically mediated disorders, transplantation, immunodeficiency, and tumor necrosis. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these
 20 polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system and transplantation, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., multiple sclerosis tissue, hippocampus, bone marrow and cancerous and wounded
 25 tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology of Gene NO: 3 to leucine zipper nucleic
 30 acid binding proteins indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 3 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of immunologically mediated disorders, transplantation, immunodeficiency, and tumor necrosis. The secreted nucleic acid binding protein in the apoptotic tissues may be involved in the disposal of the DNA released by apoptotic cells. Furthermore, the studies conducted in support of Luman
 35 suggest that the translation product of this gene may be used to identify transcriptional regulation elements which in turn are useful in modulation of immune function.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 136 as residues: Asn-7 to Ser-12, Tyr-32 to Gly-38, Pro-55 to Tyr-60, Glu-70 to Thr-76, and Pro-104 to Leu-110.

5 FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 4

The translation product of Gene NO: 4 shares sequence homology with a number of tetraspan transmembrane surface molecules such as human metastasis tumor suppressor gene, CO-029 tumor associated antigen protein, CD53 hematopoietic antigen, human membrane antigen TM4 superfamily protein, metastasis controlling peptide, and human CD9 sequence, which are thought to be important in development of cancer, immune system development and functions.

Gene NO: 4 is expressed primarily in cancers of several different tissues and to a lesser extent in normal tissue like prostate, skin and kidney.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancers and disorders of the immune system, prostate and kidney. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the kidney, skin, prostate and immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., kidney, skin and prostate, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology of Gene NO: 4 to tetraspan transmembrane surface molecules such as human metastasis tumor suppressor gene, CO-029 tumor associated antigen protein, CD53 hematopoietic antigen, human membrane antigen TM4 superfamily protein, metastasis controlling peptide, and human CD9 sequence, indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 4 are involved with the cellular control of growth and differentiation. Therefore, the translation product of this gene is believed to be useful for diagnosis and treatment of neoplasia and disorders of the kidney, skin and prostate. For example, recombinant protein can be produced in transformed host cells for diagnostic and prognostic applications. Alterations in the protein sequence are indicative of the presence of

malignant cancer, or of a predisposition to malignancy, in a subject. Gene therapy can be used to restore the wild-type gene product to a subject. Additionally, the antibodies are a useful tool for the identification of hematopoietic neoplasms, and may prove helpful for identifying morphologically poorly defined cells. Moreover, this protein can be used to isolate cognate receptors and ligands and identify potential agonists and antagonists using techniques known in the art. The protein also has immunomodulatory activity, regulates hematopoiesis and stimulates growth and regeneration as a male/female contraceptive, increases fertility depending on activin and inhibin like activities. Other uses are as a chemotactic agent for lymphocytes, treatment of coagulation disorders, an anti-inflammatory agent, an antimicrobial or analgesic and as a modulator of behavior and metabolism. The DNA can be used in genetic diagnosis or gene therapy, and for the production of recombinant protein. It can also be used to identify protein expressing cells, isolate related sequences, prepare primers for genetic fingerprinting and generate anti-protein or anti-DNA antibodies. In addition, residues 1-71, in the translation product for this gene are believed to be the extracellular domain. Thus, polypeptide comprising residues 1-71 or derivatives (including fragments) or analogs thereof, are useful as a soluble polypeptide which may be routinely used therapeutically to antagonize the activities of the receptor.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 137 as residues: Lys-118 to Phe-127, Asn-145 to Ala-160, and Thr-177 to Val-188.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 5

Gene NO: 5 is expressed primarily in human testes.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, diseases of the testes including cancer and reproductive disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the reproductive system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., testes and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution of Gene NO: 5 indicates that the protein product of this gene is useful for treatment/diagnosis of diseases of the testes, particularly testicular cancer since expression is observed primarily in the testes.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 5 138 as residue: Gly-22 to Gln-30.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 6

The translation product of Gene NO: 6 shares sequence homology with GALNS (N-acetylgalactosamine 6-sulphatase) which is thought to be important in the storage of the glycosaminoglycans, keratan sulfate and chondroitin 6-sulfate. See Genbank accession no. gil618426. Based on the sequence similarity, the translation product of this gene is expected to share biological activities with GALNS.

Gene NO: 6 is expressed primarily in human bone marrow.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, storage disorders of glycosaminoglycans, keratan sulfate and chondroitin 6-sulfate, e.g., Morquio A syndrome. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly involving cell storage disorder, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., bone marrow and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology of Gene NO: 6 to N-acetylgalactosamine 6-sulphatase indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 6 are useful for the treatment and diagnosis of storage disorders of glycosaminoglycans, keratan sulfate and chondroitin 6-sulfate. Such disorders are known in the art and include, e.g., Morquio A syndrome which is caused by an error of mucopolysaccharide metabolism with excretion of keratan sulfate in urine. Morquio A syndrome is characterized by severe skeletal defects with short stature, severe deformity of spine and thorax, long bones with irregular epiphyses but with shafts of normal length, enlarged joints, flaccid ligaments, and waddling gait; autosomal recessive inheritance.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 139 as residues: Gly-29 to Pro-36 and Glu-57 to Leu-64.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 7

5 The translation product of Gene NO: 7 shares sequence homology with carboxy peptidase E and H (carboxypeptidase E is thought to be important in the biosynthesis of numerous peptide hormones and neurotransmitters). The translation product of this gene also shares sequence homology with bone-related carboxypeptidase "OSF-5" from the mouse. See European patent application EP-588118-A. Based on the sequence
10 similarity to OSF-5, the translation product of this gene will hereinafter sometimes be referred to as "human-OSF-5" or "hOSF-5".

Gene NO: 7 is expressed primarily in tumor cell lines derived from connective tissues including chondrosarcoma, synovial sarcoma, Wilm's tumor and rhabdomyosarcoma and to a lesser extent in a myeloid progenitor cell line, bone
15 marrow, and placenta.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, various cancers involving the skeletal system and connective tissues in
20 general, in particular at cartilage interfaces. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the skeletal system and various other tumor tissues, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be
25 detected in certain tissues (e.g., connective tissues and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

30 The restricted tissue distribution and homology of Gene NO: 7 to carboxypeptidase E and mouse OSF-5 indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 7 are for processing of peptides to their mature form that may have various activities similar to the activities of neuropeptides but in the periphery. In addition the abundance of expression in cancer tissues indicates that
35 aberrant expression and subsequent processing may play a role in the progression of malignancies, e.g., growth factor and/or adhesion factor activities. In particular, the expression of this gene is restricted to connective tissues and embryonic tissues.

Furthermore, it is overexpressed in cancers of these same tissues (i.e., in sarcomas). Moreover, hOSF-5 shares very strong sequence similarity with mOSF-5 which is a known bone growth factor and is thought to be useful in obtaining products for the diagnosis and treatment of bone metabolic diseases, e.g., osteoporosis and Paget's disease. Like OSF-5, the translation product of this gene is believed to be a bone-specific carboxypeptidase which acts as an adhesion molecule/growth factor and takes part in osteogenesis at the site of bone induction. hOSF-5 can, therefore, be used to treat bone metabolic diseases, osteoporosis, Paget's disease, osteomalacia, hyperostosis or osteopetrosis. Furthermore, hOSF-5 can be used to stimulate the regeneration of bone at the site of mechanical damage, e.g., accidentally or surgically caused fractures.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 140 as residues: Leu-24 to Val-30, Ala-89 to Lys-94, Phe-150 to Trp-157, Leu-162 to Asp-167, Asp-187 to Ser-199, His-241 to Asp-254, and Pro-362 to Asp-376.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 8

Gene NO: 8 is expressed primarily in bone marrow, and to a lesser extent in an erythroleukemia cell line.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, hematological disorders including cancer and anemia. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune and hematologic systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., bone marrow, kidney, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 8 are useful as a growth factor for hematopoietic stem cells or progenitor cells, e.g., in the treatment of bone marrow stem cell loss in chemotherapy patients and in the treatment of kidney disease.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 141 as residues: Gly-30 to Lys-35.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 9

Gene NO: 9 is expressed primarily in neutrophils.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as
5 reagents for differential identification of the cell type present in a biological sample and
for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to,
inflammatory diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these
polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification
10 of the cell type indicated. For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells,
particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or
lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues or cell types (e.g., neutrophils,
bone marrow, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum,
plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from
15 an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e.,
the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the
disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides
corresponding to Gene NO: 9 are useful for immune modulation or as a growth factor
to stimulate neutrophil differentiation or proliferation that may be useful in the treatment
20 of neutropenia.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:
142 as residues: Thr-22 to Pro-37.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 10

25 Gene NO: 10 is expressed primarily in the epidermis.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as
reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a
biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are
not limited to, diseases of the epidermis such as psoriasis or eczema or may be involved
30 in the normal proliferation or differentiation of the epithelial cells or fibroblasts
constituting the skin. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these
polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification
of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells,
particularly of the skin, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels
35 may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., epidermis and cancerous and
wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal
fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder,

relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 10 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of skin conditions and as an aid in the healing of various epidermal injuries including wounds, and diabetic ulcers.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 143 as residues: Ser-3 to Ser-9 and Trp-27 to Glu-32.

10 **FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 11**

The translation product of Gene NO: 11 shares sequence homology with phosphatidylcholine 2-acylhydrolase (PLA2). See, for example, Genbank accession no. gil190004. PLA2 is involved in inflammation, where it is responsible for the conversion of cell membrane phospholipids into arachidonic acid. Arachidonic acid in turn feeds into both the lipoxigenase and cyclooxygenase pathways to produce leukotrienes (involved in chemotaxis, vasoconstriction, bronchoconstriction, and increased vascular permeability) and prostaglandins (responsible for vasodilation, potentiate edema, and increased pain). Diseases in which PLA2 is implicated as a major factor include rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, ischemia, and thrombosis. The inventors refer to the translation product of this gene as PLA2-like protein based on the sequence similarity. Furthermore, owing to the sequence similarity PLA2 and PLA2-like protein are expected to share certain biological activities.

Gene NO: 11 is expressed primarily in human cerebellum and in T-cells.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cerebellum disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, ischemia, and thrombosis. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the cerebellum and Purkinje cells, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., brain, bone marrow, T-cells, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 11 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of cerebellum disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, ischemia, and thrombosis. This gene is also useful as a chromosome marker. It is believed to map to Chr.15, D15S118-D15S123.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 12

Gene NO: 12 is expressed primarily in highly vascularized tissues such as placenta, uterus, tumors, fetal liver, fetal spleen and also in the C7MCF7 cell line treated with estrogen.

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Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, endometriosis, endometritis, endometrial carcinoma, primary hepatocellular carcinoma, and spleen-related diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the endometrium, liver and spleen, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., endometrium, liver, and spleen, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

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The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 12 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the endometrium (such as endometrial carcinoma, endometriosis, and endometritis), liver diseases (such as primary hepatocellular carcinoma), and spleen-related diseases.

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SEQ ID NO: 145 as residues: Ala-29 to Leu-35, Leu-50 to Ser-57, Glu-96 to Glu-105, Asp-140 to Asp-148, and Asn-191 to Ser-197.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 13

Gene NO: 13 is expressed primarily in B cell lymphoma and to a lesser extent in other tissues.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, B cell lymphoma; hematopoietic disorders; immune dysfunction.

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Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., bone marrow and B-cells and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

Enhanced expression of this gene product in B cell lymphoma indicates that it may play a role in the proliferation of hematopoietic cells. It is also believed to be involved in the survival and/or differentiation of various hematopoietic lineages. Expression in lymphoma also indicates that it may be involved in other cancers and abnormal cellular proliferation. The tissue distribution, therefore, indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 13 are useful for the diagnosis and/or therapeutic treatment of hematopoietic disorders, particularly B cell lymphoma. Furthermore, since overexpression of this gene is associated with the development of B cell lymphoma, antagonists of this protein are useful to interfere with the progression of the disease. This protein is useful in assays for identifying such antagonists. Assays for identifying antagonists are known in the art and are described briefly elsewhere herein. Preferred antagonists include antibodies and antisense nucleic acid molecules. Preferred are antagonists which inhibit B-cell proliferation.

25 FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 14

The translation product of Gene NO: 14 shares sequence homology with very low density lipoprotein receptor which is thought to be important in transport of lipoproteins. Owing to the sequence similarity the translation product of this gene is believed to share certain biological activities with VLDL receptors. Assaying such activity may be achieved by assays known in the art and set forth elsewhere herein.

This gene is expressed primarily in human synovium, umbilical vein endothelial cells, CD34+ cells, Jurkat cells, and HL60 cells, and to a lesser extent in thymus, meningioma, hypothalamus, adult testis, and fetal liver and spleen.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, atherosclerosis, ataxia malabsorption, vascular damage, hyperlipidemia,

and other cardiovascular diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the cardiovascular and hematological systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., endothelium, thymus meningioma, hypothalamus, testes, liver, and spleen and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution in the vascular endothelial cells and homology to VLDL receptors indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 14 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of atherosclerosis, ataxia malabsorption, and hyperlipidemia. These and other factors often result in other cardiovascular diseases. Additionally, the presence of the gene product in cells of blood lineages indicates that it may be useful in hematopoietic regulation and hemostasis.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 147 as residues: Pro-39 to Ser-52, Trp-71 to Thr-76, and Pro-94 to His-100.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 15

The translation product of Gene NO: 15 shares sequence homology with kallikrein which is thought to be important in blood pressure and renal secretion. Furthermore, this gene has now been characterized as a novel hepatitis B virus X binding protein that inhibits viral replication. See, for example, J. Virol. 72 (3), 1737-1743 (1998).

This gene is expressed primarily in kidney, placenta, lung, aorta and other endothelial cells, caudate nucleus and to a lesser extent in melanocytes, liver, adipose tissue.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, renovascular hypertension, renal secretion, electrolyte metabolism, toxemia of pregnancy. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the renovascular or respiratory vascular systems, expression of this gene

at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., kidney, placenta, lung, endothelial cells, melanocytes, liver, and adipose tissue, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from
5 an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to kallikrein indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 15 are useful for treating renovascular
10 hypertension, renal secretion, electrolyte metabolism, toxemia of pregnancy and hydronephrosis. The protein expression in the organs like kidney, lung and vascular endothelial cells indicates the gene involvement in hemodynamic regulatory functions. The translation product of this gene is also useful in the treatment of viral infection, particularly liver infection, and particularly hepatitis B virus(es).

15 Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 148 as residues: Leu-9 to Asn-15 and Thr-56 to Asp-61.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 16

The translation product of Gene NO: 16 shares sequence homology with
20 secretory component protein, immunoglobulins and their receptors which are thought to be important in immunological functions. The amino acid sequence of secretory component protein can be accessed as accession no. pirlA02112, incorporated herein by reference.

Gene NO: 16 is expressed primarily in macrophages, monocytes and dendritic
25 cells and to a lesser extent in placenta and brain.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, inflammation and tumors. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed
30 to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues or cells (e.g., macrophages, monocytes, dendritic cells, placenta and brain, and cancerous
35 and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a

disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to immunoglobulins and secretory component protein indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to
5 Gene NO: 16 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of inflammation and bacterial infection, and other diseases where immunomodulation would be beneficial.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 149 as residues: Pro-37 to Cys-51, Gln-53 to Cys-60, Asn-99 to Gly-106, Gly-145 to Glu-151, and Ile-159 to Ser-164.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 17

The translation product of Gene NO: 17 is evolutionarily conserved and shares sequence homology with proteins from yeast and *C. elegans*. See, for example, Genbank accession no.gil746540. As is known in the art, strong sequence similarity to
15 a secreted protein from *C. elegans* is predictive of cellular location of human proteins.

Gene NO: 17 is expressed primarily in colon carcinoma cell lines, messangial cells, many tumors like T cell lymphoma, osteoclastoma, Wilm's tumor, adrenal gland tumor, testes tumor, synovial sarcoma, and to a lesser extent in placenta, lung and brain.

20 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, rapidly growing/dividing cells such as cancerous tissue, including, colon carcinoma, lymphomas, and sarcomas. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed
25 to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the gastrointestinal, hematological and immune systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., placenta, lung, brain, colon, messangial cells,
30 adrenal gland, T-cells, testes, and lymph tissue, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

35 The tissue distribution in colon cancer and many other tumors indicates that the polynucleotides and polypeptides of Gene NO: 17 are useful for cancer diagnosis and therapeutic targeting. The extracellular nature may contribute to solid tumor

immunosuppression, angiogenesis and cell growth stimulation. The tissue distribution of this gene in cells of the immune system indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 17 are useful for treatment, prophylaxis and diagnosis of immune and autoimmune diseases, such as lupus, transplant rejection, allergic reactions, arthritis, asthma, immunodeficiency diseases, leukemia, and AIDS. Its expression predominantly in hematopoietic cells also indicates that the gene could be important for the treatment and/or detection of hematopoietic disorders such as graft versus host reaction, graft versus host disease, transplant rejection, myelogenous leukemia, bone marrow fibrosis, and myeloproliferative disease. The protein can also be used to enhance or protect proliferation, differentiation and functional activation of hematopoietic progenitor cells such as bone marrow cells, which could be useful for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy or patients undergoing bone marrow transplantation. The protein may also be useful to increase the proliferation of peripheral blood leukocytes, which could be useful in the combat of a range of hematopoietic disorders including immunodeficiency diseases, leukemia, and septicemia.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 150 as residues: Val-131 to Asn-136.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 18

The translation product of Gene NO: 18 shares sequence homology with immunoglobulin, which is thought to be important in immunoreactions.

Gene NO: 18 is expressed primarily in macrophage.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, inflammation. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., macrophage and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution in macrophages and the weak homology to immunoglobulin indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene

NO: 18 are useful for diagnosing and treating immune response disorders, including inflammation, antigen presentation and immunosurveillance.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 19

5 The translation product of Gene NO: 19 shares sequence homology with proline rich proteins which are thought to be important in protein-protein interaction.

 This gene has a wide range of tissue distribution, but is expressed primarily in normal prostate, synovial fibroblasts, brain amygdala depression, fetal bone and fetal cochlea, and to a lesser extent in adult retina, umbilical vein endothelial cells, atrophic
10 endometrium, osteoclastoma, melanocytes, pancreatic carcinoma and smooth muscle.

 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer metastasis, wound healing, tissue repair. Similarly, polypeptides
15 and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the skeletal, connective tissues, reproductive and central nervous system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., brain,
20 prostate, fibroblasts, bone, cochlea, retina, endothelial cells, endometrium, pancreas and smooth muscle, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the
25 disorder.

 The tissue distribution and homology to proline-rich proteins indicates that the protein is a extracellular matrix protein or an ingredient of bodily fluid. Polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 19 are useful for cancer metastasis intervention, tissue culture additive, bone modeling, wound healing and tissue repair.
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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 20

 Gene NO: 20 is expressed primarily in prostate cancer, leukocytes, meningioma, adult liver, pancreas, brain, and to a lesser extent in lung.

 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as
35 reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, prostate cancers. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these

polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the prostate and brain, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., prostate, leukocytes, meningioma, liver, brain, pancreas and lung, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

Prostate cancer cell lines are known to be responsive to estrogen and androgen. The protein expression of Gene NO: 20 appears to be influenced by both estrogen and androgen levels. The prostate cancer tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 20 are useful in the intervention and detection of prostate hyperplasia and prostate cancer.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 21

The translation product of Gene NO: 21 is identical to the human wnt-7a gene. Wnt-7a is a secreted signaling molecule, thought to be important in signaling and the regulation of cell fate and pattern formation during embryogenesis. Specifically, knock out studies in mice have demonstrated that wnt7a plays a critical role in the development of the dorsal-ventral patterning in the developing limb, and to a lesser extent plays a role in the development of anterior-posterior patterning. Overexpression of wnt7a can induce transformation of cultured mammary cells, suggesting that it is an oncogene.

Expression of Gene NO: 21 has only been observed in testes.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, testicular cancer; abnormal limb development. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the testes or developing embryo. For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the developing embryo, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in the developing embryo or amniotic fluid taken from a pregnant individual and compared relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. Also, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in the testes of patient suffering from testicular cancer and compared relative to the

standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to mouse *wnt7a* indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 21 are useful to restore abnormal limb development in an affected individual. Furthermore, its oncogenic potential and tissue distribution indicates that it could serve as a diagnostic for testicular cancer.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 154 as residues: Gly-22 to Arg-28.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 22

Gene NO: 22 is expressed primarily in fetal liver/spleen, breast, testes and placenta and to a lesser extent in brain, and a series of cancer tissues.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, immune disorders, brain diseases, male infertility, and disposition to pregnant miscarriages. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, hematopoietic system, and sexual organs, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., liver, spleen, testes, placenta, and brain, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution of this gene indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 22 are useful as a marker for non-differentiated, dividing cells and hence could serve as an oncogenic marker. Its high expression in fetal liver, suggests an involvement in hematopoiesis and/or the immune system. Hence it is useful as a factor to enhance an individual's immune system, e.g., in individuals with immune disorders. It is also thought to affect the survival, proliferation, and differentiation of a number of hematopoietic cell lineages, including hematopoietic stem cells. Its disruption, e.g., mutation or altered expression, may also be a marker of immune disorder. Its expression in the testes, suggests it may be important in controlling male fertility. Expression of this gene in breast further reflects a

role in immune function and immune surveillance (breast lymph node). This gene is believed to be useful as a marker for breast cancer.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 155 as residues: Gln-57 to Lys-70 and Ala-91 to Pro-100.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 23

Gene NO: 23 is expressed primarily in bone marrow and brain (whole and fetal).

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, neurological, immune and hematopoietic disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the central nervous and hematopoietic systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., bone marrow, brain, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 23 are useful in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders related to the central nervous system (e.g. neuro-degenerative conditions, trauma, and behavior abnormalities) and hematopoiesis. In addition, the expression in fetal brain indicates a role for this gene product in diagnosis of predisposition to developmental defects of the brain.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 156 as residues: Thr-23 to Tyr-29.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 24

Gene NO: 24 is expressed primarily in smooth muscle, placenta, prostate, and osteoblasts.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cardiovascular pathologies. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies

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directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the cardiovascular, reproductive and skeletal systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., placenta, smooth muscle, prostate, and osteoblasts, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 24 are useful for detection and treatment of neoplasias and developmental abnormalities associated with these tissues.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 157 as residues: Asn-21 to Thr-26.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 25

The translation product of Gene NO: 25 shares sequence homology with Pregnancy Associated Mouse Protein (PAMP)-1. (See, FEBS Lett 1993 May 17;322(3):219-222). Based on the sequence similarity the translation product of this gene is expected to share certain biological activities with PAMP-1.

Gene NO: 25 is expressed primarily in 12-week-old human embryos and prostate.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, prostate disorders (cancer). Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the prostate, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., embryonic tissue, and prostate, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 25 are useful for the diagnosis and treatment of prostate disorders (such as cancer) and developmental abnormalities and fetal deficiencies. The homology to PAMP-1 indicates that this gene and gene product are useful in detecting pregnancy.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 158 as residues: Pro-23 to Glu-28 and Ser-44 to Gly-55.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 26

Gene NO: 26 is expressed primarily in testes and to a lesser extent in epididymis.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, reproductive and endocrine disorders, as well as testicular cancer. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the male reproductive and endocrine systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., testes, and epididymis, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 26 are useful for the treatment and diagnosis of conditions concerning proper testicular function (e.g., endocrine function, sperm maturation), as well as cancer. Therefore, this gene product is useful in the treatment of male infertility and/or impotence. This gene product is also useful in assays designed to identify binding agents as such agents (antagonists) are useful as male contraceptive agents. Similarly, the protein is believed to be useful in the treatment and/or diagnosis of testicular cancer. The testes are also a site of active gene expression of transcripts that may be expressed, particularly at low levels, in other tissues of the body. Therefore, this gene product may be expressed in other specific tissues or organs where it may play related functional roles in other processes, such as hematopoiesis, inflammation, bone formation, and kidney function, to name a few possible target indications.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 159 as residues: Pro-24 to Gly-33 and Arg-70 to Gly-76.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 27

5 The translation product of Gene NO: 27 shares sequence homology with salivary protein precursors which are thought to be important in immune response and production of secreted proteins.

Gene NO: 27 is expressed primarily in salivary gland tissue.

10 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, immune disorders, diseases of the salivary gland. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a
15 number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, digestive system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., salivary gland, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder,
20 relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to salivary secreted protein indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 27 are useful for treatment of immune disorders and diagnostic uses related to secretion of protein in
25 disease states. For example, the gene product can be used as an anti-microbial agent, an ingredient for oral or dental hygiene, treatment of xerostomia, sialorrhea, intervention for inflammation including parotitis, and an indication for tumors in the salivary gland (adenomas, carcinomas).

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:
30 160 as residues: Asp-21 to Gly-28, Asp-30 to Glu-43, Glu-49 to Glu-62, and Thr-75 to Pro-83.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 28

Gene NO: 28 is expressed primarily in human fetal heart tissue and to a lesser
35 extent in olfactory tissue.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a

biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, immune, olfactory and cardiovascular disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune, olfactory and vascular systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., olfactory tissue, and heart, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 28 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of immune, olfactory and vascular disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 161 as residues: Cys-33 to Gly-44, Arg-71 to Arg-78, Ser-130 to Gly-142, Lys-150 to Gly-157, and Thr-159 to Asp-177.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 29

Gene NO: 29 is expressed primarily in brain and to a lesser degree in activated macrophages, endothelial and smooth muscle cells, and some bone cancers.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of brain and endothelial present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, neurodegeneration, inflammation and other immune disorders, fibrotic conditions. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification brain, smooth muscle, and endothelium. For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the brain and endothelium, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues or cell types (e.g., brain, endothelial cells, macrophages, smooth muscle, and bone, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

Tissue distribution suggests polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 29 are useful in study and treatment of neurodegenerative and immune disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 162 as residues: Asn-18 to Glu-20, Ser-33 to Gln-48, Cys-55 to Ser-56, Pro-67 to Cys-69.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 30

Gene NO: 30 is expressed primarily in early stage human brain and to a lesser extent in cord blood, heart, and some tumors.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of developing CNS tissue present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cardiovascular and neurodegenerative disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the nervous and immune systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., brain and heart, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 30 are useful for the treatment of cancer and of neurodegenerative and cognitive disorders.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 31

Gene NO: 31 is expressed primarily in brain and thymus and to a lesser extent in several other organs and tissues including the hematopoietic system, liver skin and bone

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, CNS disorders, hematopoietic system disorders, disorders of the endocrine system, bone, and skin. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential

identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly CNS disorders, hematopoietic system disorders, disorders of the endocrine system, bone, and skin, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g.,
5 hematopoietic cells, brain, thymus, liver, bone, and epidermis, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

10 The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 31 are useful for treatment and diagnosis of CNS disorders, hematopoietic system disorders, disorders of the endocrine system, and of bone and skin.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:
15 164 as residues: Thr-35 to Arg-40, Pro-55 to His-75, Pro-93 to Ala-98, Ala-111 to Pro-119, and Pro-132 to Glu-138.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 32

Gene NO: 32 is expressed primarily in organs and tissue of the nervous system
20 and to a lesser extent in various developing tissues and organs.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, disorders of the central nervous system and disorders of developing and
25 growing tissues and organs. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly disorders of the CNS, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., tissue of the nervous
30 system and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

35 The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 32 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the central nervous system, general neurological diseases and neoplasias.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 165 as residues: Ser-33 to Lys-41 and Glu-86 to Glu-91.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 33

- 5 Residues 141-156 in the translation product for Gene NO: 33 as shown in the sequence listing matches phosphopantetheine binding site motifs. Phosphopantetheine (or pantetheine 4' phosphate) is the prosthetic group of acyl carrier proteins (ACP) in some multienzyme complexes where it serves as a 'swinging arm' for the attachment of activated fatty acid and amino-acid groups. Phosphopantetheine is attached to a serine
- 10 residue in these proteins. ACP proteins or domains have been found in various enzyme systems which are listed below. Fatty acid synthetase (FAS), which catalyzes the formation of long-chain fatty acids from acetyl-CoA, malonyl-CoA and NADPH. Bacterial and plant chloroplast FAS are composed of eight separate subunits which correspond to the different enzymatic activities; ACP is one of these polypeptides.
- 15 Fungal FAS consists of two multifunctional proteins, FAS1 and FAS2; the ACP domain is located in the N-terminal section of FAS2. Vertebrate FAS consists of a single multifunctional enzyme; the ACP domain is located between the beta-ketoacyl reductase domain and the C-terminal thioesterase domain. Based on the presence of a phosphopantetheine binding site in the translation product of this gene, it is believed to
- 20 share activities fatty acid synthetase polypeptides. Such activities may be assayed by methods known in the art.

This gene is expressed primarily in developing and rapidly growing tissues like placenta fetal heart and endometrial tumor and to a lesser extent in B and T cell lymphoma tissues

- 25 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer and disorders of developing tissues and organs. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing
- 30 immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the hematopoietic tissues and developing organs and tissues, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., embryonic tissue, endometrium, B-cells, and T-cells, and cancerous and wounded
- 35 tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to

the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 33 are useful for treatment and diagnosis of cancer in the hematopoietic system developing organs and tissues. It may also be useful for induction of cell growth in disorders of the hematopoietic system and other tissue and organs. The homology to fatty acid synthetases indicates that this gene product is useful in the diagnosis and treatment of lipid metabolism disorders such as hyperlipidemia.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 166 as residues: Arg-27 to Glu-34.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 34

Gene NO: 34 is expressed primarily in breast and testes tissues and to a lesser extent in hematopoietic tissues including tonsils, T cells and monocytes.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, diseases of the reproductive organs and systems, including cancer, autoimmune diseases and inflammatory diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the reproductive organs and hematopoietic tissues, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., hematopoietic cells, T-cells and monocytes, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. Nucleic acids comprising sequence of this gene are also useful as chromosome markers since this gene maps to Chr.15, D15S118-D15S123.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 34 are useful for treatment of diseases of the reproductive organs and hematopoietic system including cancer, autoimmune diseases and inflammatory diseases.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 167 as residues: Phe-81 to Lys-86.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 35

The translation product of Gene NO: 35 shares sequence similarity with the mouse cytokine-inducible inhibitor of signaling. See, e.g., Nature 1997 Jun 26;387(6636):917-921. Cytokines are secreted proteins that regulate important cellular responses such as proliferation and differentiation. Key events in cytokine signal transduction are well defined: cytokines induce receptor aggregation, leading to activation of members of the JAK family of cytoplasmic tyrosine kinases. In turn, members of the STAT family of transcription factors are phosphorylated, dimerize and increase the transcription of genes with STAT recognition sites in their promoters. Less is known of how cytokine signal transduction is switched off. Expression of the mouse SOCS-1 protein inhibited both interleukin-6- induced receptor phosphorylation and STAT activation. We have also cloned two relatives of SOCS-1, named SOCS-2 and SOCS-3, which together with the previously described CIS form a new family of proteins. Transcription of all four SOCS genes is increased rapidly in response to interleukin-6, in vitro and in vivo, suggesting they may act in a classic negative feedback loop to regulate cytokine signal transduction. The translation product of this gene is believed to have similar biological activities as this family of mouse genes. The biological activity of the translation product of this gene may be assayed by methods shown in Nature 1997 Jun 26;387(6636): 917-921, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Gene NO: 35 is expressed primarily in tissues of hematopoietic origin including activated monocytes, neutrophils, activated T-cells and to a lesser extent in breast, adipose tissue and dendritic cells.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, diseases of the hematopoietic system including cancer autoimmune diseases and inflammatory diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the hematopoietic system expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., hematopoietic cells and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene

expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to cytokine inducible inhibitor of signaling indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 35 are
5 useful for diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the hematopoietic system including autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, infectious diseases and neoplasia. For example, administration of, or upregulation of this gene could be used to decrease the response of immune-system to lymphokines and cytokines.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:
10 168 as residues: Arg-23 to His-30, Ala-35 to Gly-42.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 36

Gene NO: 36 is expressed primarily in infant brain and to a lesser extent in osteoclastoma, placenta, and a wide variety of other tissues.

15 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, neurological disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential
20 identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the nervous system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., osteoclastoma, placenta, and tissue of the central nervous system, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial
25 fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 36 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of neurologic
30 disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 169 as residues: Gln-31 to Ser-37, Ile-49 to Gly-54, Tyr-57 to Asp-67, Gln-141 to Pro-151, and Val-207 to Thr-219.

35 FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 37

Gene NO: 37 is expressed primarily in osteoclastoma stromal cells, dendritic cells, liver, and placenta.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer, wound, pathological conditions. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues or cell types (e.g., stromal cells, dendritic cells, liver, and placenta and, cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 37 are useful for fundamental role in basic growth and development of human.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 170 as residues: Leu-32 to Thr-37 and Arg-48 to Pro-55.

20 FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 38

The translation product of Gene NO: 38 shares sequence homology with a yeast protein, Lpe10p, which may be involved in mRNA processing. (See Accession Nos. 2104457 and 1079682.) It is likely that an upstream signal sequence exists, other than the predicted sequence described in Table 1. Preferred polypeptide fragments comprise the open reading frame upstream from the predicted signal sequence, as well as polynucleotide fragments encoding these polypeptide fragments.

This gene is expressed primarily in skin, and to a lesser extent in embryonic tissues, and fetal liver.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, defects of the skin. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the skin, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., epidermis, liver, and embryonic tissues, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum,

plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

- 5 The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 38 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of defects of the skin.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 39

- 10 Gene NO: 39 is expressed primarily in Amygdala, activated monocytes, testis, and fetal liver. Moreover, this gene is mapped to chromosome 4. Thus, polynucleotides of the present invention can be used in linkage analysis as markers for chromosome 4.

- Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, defects of the brain, immune system and testis. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the brain, immune system and testis, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., Amygdala, monocytes, testes, and liver and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.
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 The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 39 are useful for detecting defects of the brain, immune system and testis because of its abundance in these tissues.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 40

 The translation product of Gene NO: 40 shares sequence homology with lymphoma 3-encoded protein (bcl-3) which is thought to contribute to leukemogenesis when abnormally expressed.

- 35 This gene is expressed primarily in Human Neutrophils, and to a lesser extent in Human Osteoclastoma Stromal Cells (unamplified), Hepatocellular Tumor, and Human Neutrophils, (Activated).

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., neutrophils, osteoclastoma, and kidney, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to lymphoma 3-encoded protein (bcl-3) indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 40 are useful for treatment of lymphoma and related cancers.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 41

Gene NO: 41 is expressed primarily in ovary tumor, and to a lesser extent in endometrial stromal cells and fetal brain.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, ovarian or endometrial cancer. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the female reproductive system and the developing central nervous system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., ovary, endometrium and brain, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 41 are useful for development of factors involved in ovarian or endometrial and general reproductive organ disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 174 as residues: Glu-22 to Trp-31, Asn-84 to Asp-90, and Ser-144 to Asp-151.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 42

The translation product of Gene 42 has sequence identity with a gene designated PTHrP(B). The PTHrP(B) polypeptide inhibits parathyroid hormone related peptide (PTHrP) activity.

This gene is expressed primarily in adult testis, and to a lesser extent in pituitary.

Therefore polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of male reproductive disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the male reproductive system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., testes, and pituitary, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. Furthermore, based in part on sequence identity with PTHrP(B), nucleic acids and polypeptides of the present invention may be used to diagnose or treat such conditions as hypercalcemia, osteoporosis, and disorders related to calcium metabolism.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 42 are useful for treatment of male reproductive disorders, hypercalcemia, osteoporosis, and other disorders related to calcium metabolism.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 175 as residues: Tyr-81 to Met-86, Gly-103 to Ser-108, Glu-127 to Pro-128, Pro-175 to Ser-180, Glu-196 to Lys-203, Pro-235 to Ser-241, and Ala-249 to Ser-264.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 43

The translation product of Gene NO: 43 shares sequence homology with brevican, which is thought to be important as a proteoglycan core protein of the

aggrecan/versican family. The translation product of this gene may also contain a hyaluronan (HA)-binding region domain in frame with, but downstream of, the predicted open reading frame (Barta, et al., Biochem. J. 292:947-949 (1993)). The HA-binding domain, also termed the link domain, is found in proteins of vertebrates that are involved in the assembly of extracellular matrix, cell adhesion, and migration. It is about 100 amino acids in length. The structure has been shown to consist of two alpha helices and two antiparallel beta sheets arranged around a large hydrophobic core similar to that of C-type lectin. This domain typically contains four conserved cysteines involved in two disulfide bonds.

10 This gene is expressed primarily in early stage human brain and to a lesser extent in frontal cortex and epileptic tissues.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of disorders associated with, or observed during, neuronal development. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful as immunological probes for differential identification of neuronal and associated tissues and cell types. For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly for those of the nervous system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., brain and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

25 The tissue distribution and homology to brevican indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 43 are useful for neuronal regulation and signaling. The uses include directing or inhibiting axonal growth for the treatment of neuro-fibromatosis and in detection of glioses.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 30 176 as residues: Asp-28 to Arg-33 and Arg-126 to Arg-131.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 44

Gene NO: 44 is the human homolog of Notch-2 (Accession No. 477495) and mouse EGF repeat transmembrane protein (Accession No. 1336628), both genes are important in differentiation and development of an organism. The EGF repeat transmembrane protein is regulated by insulin like growth factor Type I receptor. These proteins are involved in cell-cell signaling and cell fate determination. Based on

homology, it is likely that this gene products also involved in cell differentiation and development. Although the predicted signal sequence is indicated in Table 1, it is likely that a second signal sequence is located further upstream. Moreover, further translated coding regions are likely found downstream from the disclosed sequence, which can easily be obtained using standard molecular biology techniques. A frameshift occurs somewhere around nucleotide 714, causing a frame shift in amino acid sequence from frame +2 to frame +3. However, using the homology of Notch-2 and EGF repeat transmembrane protein, the complete open reading frame can be elucidated. Preferred polynucleotide fragments comprise nucleotides 146-715, 281-715, and 714-965. Other preferred polypeptide fragments comprise the following EGF-like motifs:
CRCASGFTGEDC (SEQ ID NO:260), CTCQVGFTGKEC (SEQ ID NO:261),
CLNLPGSYQCQC (SEQ ID NO:262), CKCLTGFTGQKC (SEQ ID NO:263), and
CQCLQGFTGQYC (SEQ ID NO:264).

Gene NO: 44 is expressed primarily in placenta and to a lesser extent in stromal and immune cells.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, hemophilia and other blood disorders, central nervous system disorders, muscle disorders, and any other disorder resulting from abnormal development. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune, hematopoietic and vascular systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., placenta, stromal and immune cells and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to Notch-2 indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 44 are useful for diagnosing and treating disorders relating to abnormal regulation of cell fate, induction, and differentiation of cells (e.g., cancer), epidermal growth factors, axonal pathfinding, and hematopoiesis.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 177 as residues: Gln-27 to Tyr-32, His-45 to Glu-55, Tyr-61 to Gly-77, Glu-99 to Ser-106, Ser-125 to Cys-131, and Thr-138 to Trp-144.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 45

The translation product of this gene shares sequence homology with Laminin A which is thought to be important in the binding of epithelial cells to basement membrane and is associated with tumor invasion. Moreover, the translated protein is homologous to the *Drosophila* LAMA gene (Accession No. 1314864), a gene expressed in the first optic ganglion of *Drosophila*. Thus, it is likely that the gene product from this gene is involved in the development of the eye. Nucleotide fragments comprising nucleotides 822-1223, 212-475, 510-731, and 1677-1754 are preferred. Also preferred are the polypeptide fragments encoded by these polynucleotide fragments. It is likely that a frame shift occurs somewhere between nucleotides 475 to 510, shifting the open reading frame from +2 to +3. However, the open reading frame can be clarified using known molecular biology techniques.

This gene is expressed primarily in human testes tumor and to a lesser extent in placenta and activated monocytes.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, invasive cancers or tumors of the epithelium, as well as disorders relating to eye development. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful as immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of neoplastic conditions, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., testes, placenta, and monocytes and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to Laminin A indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 45 are useful for study and diagnosis of malignant or benign tumors, fibrotic disorders, and eye disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 178 as residues: Met-1 to Gly-8, Glu-32 to Ala-37, Met-113 to Asn-119, and Glu-139 to Gln-153.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 46

The translation product of Gene NO: 46 is novel and shares sequence homology with the product of the *Drosophila* tissue polarity gene frizzled. In vertebrates, it appears that there is a family of proteins that represent frizzled gene homologs. (See, 5 e.g., Accession Nos. 1946343 and AFO17989.) The *Drosophila* frizzled protein is thought to transmit polarity signals across the plasma membrane of epidermal cells. The structure of frizzled proteins suggest that they may function as a G-protein-coupled receptor. The frizzled proteins are thought to represent receptors for Wnt gene products - secreted proteins that control tissue differentiation and the development of embryonic 10 and adult structures. Inappropriate expression of Wnts has also been demonstrated to contribute to tumor formation. Moreover, mammalian secreted frizzled related proteins are thought to regulate apoptosis. (See Accession No. AFO17989.) The human homolog has also been recently cloned by other groups. (See Accession No. H2415415.) Thus, the protein encoded by this gene plays a role in mediating tissue 15 differentiation, proliferation, tumorigenesis and apoptosis. Preferred polypeptide fragments lack the signal sequence as described in Table 1, as well as N-terminal and C-terminal deletions. Preferred polynucleotide fragments encode these polypeptide fragments.

Gene NO: 46 is expressed primarily in fetal tissues - particularly fetal lung - and 20 adult cancers, most notably pancreas tumor and Hodgkin's lymphoma. Together, this distribution is consistent with expression in tissues undergoing active proliferation. The gene is also expressed to a lesser extent in other organs, including stomach, prostate, and thymus.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as 25 reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer (particularly pancreatic cancer and/or Hodgkin's lymphoma), as well as other forms of aberrant cell proliferation. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for 30 differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system and hyperproliferative disorders, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., fetal tissue, pancreas, and tissue of the immune system, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, 35 urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e.,

the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to frizzled indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 46 are useful for influencing cell proliferation, differentiation, and apoptosis. The full-length protein or a truncated domain could potentially bind to and regulate the function of specific factors, such as Wnt proteins or other apoptotic genes, and thereby inhibit uncontrolled cellular proliferation. Expression of this protein within a cancer - such as via gene therapy or systemic administration - could effect a switch from proliferation to differentiation, thereby arresting the progression of the cancer.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 179 as residues: Pro-31 to Arg-37.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 47

The translation product of Gene NO: 47 shares sequence homology with members of the Rh/T2/S-glycoprotein family of ribonuclease-encoding genes. These ribonuclease proteins are found predominantly in fungi, plants, and bacteria and have been implicated in a number of functions, including phosphate-starvation response, self-incompatibility, and responses to wounding. A second group has recently cloned this same gene, calling it a ribonuclease 6 precursor. (See Accession No. 2209029.) This group also mapped the gene to chromosome 6, thus, the polynucleotides of the present invention can be used in linkage analysis as a marker for chromosome 6.

Gene NO: 47 is expressed primarily in hematopoietic cells and tissues, including macrophages, eosinophils, CD34 positive cells, T-cells, and spleen. It is also expressed to a lesser extent in brain and spinal cord.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, tumors of a hematopoietic origin, graft rejection, wounding, inflammation, and allergy. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., hematopoietic cells, and tissues and cells of the immune system, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder,

relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to the Rh/T2/S-glycoprotein family of ribonuclease-encoding genes indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides
5 corresponding to Gene NO: 47 are useful as a cytotoxin that could be directed against specific cell types (e.g. cancer cells; HIV- infected cells), and that would be well tolerated by the human immune system.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 180 as residues: Ala-24 to Asp-30, Ile-51 to Tyr-61, Pro-69 to Ser-78, Pro-105 to Phe-
10 110, Asn-129 to Phe-135, Pro-187 to Glu-192, Lys-205 to Gln-224, and Pro-250 to His-256.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 48

The translation product of Gene NO: 48 shares sequence homology with
15 dolichyl-phosphate glucosyltransferase, a transmembrane-bound enzyme of the endoplasmic reticulum which is thought to be important in N-linked glycosylation, by catalyzing the transfer of glucose from UDP-glucose to dolichyl phosphate. (See Accession No. 535141.) Based on homology, it is likely that this gene product also play a role similar in humans. Preferred polynucleotide fragments comprise nucleotides
20 132-959. Also preferred are the polypeptide fragments encoded by this nucleotide fragment.

Gene NO: 48 is expressed primarily in endothelial cells and to a lesser extent in hematopoietic cells and brain.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as
25 reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, defects in proper N-linked glycosylation of proteins, such as Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome; tumors of an endothelial cell origin. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes
30 for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the vascular and hematopoietic systems, as well as brain, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., endothelial cells, hematopoietic cells, and brain, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids
35 (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene

expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to dolichyl-phosphate glucosyltransferase indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 48 are
5 useful in diagnosing and treating defects in N-linked glycosylation pathways that contribute to disease conditions and/or pathologies.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 181 as residues: Lys-50 to Thr-55, Ser-73 to Arg-79, Glu-92 to Pro-99, Asp-110 to Ser-117, Gln-125 to Lys-131, Gly-179 to Asn-188, Ile-231 to Cys-236, and Glu-318
10 to Asn-324.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 49

Gene NO: 49 is expressed primarily in brain, most notably in the hypothalamus and amygdala. This gene is also mapped to chromosome X, and therefore, can be used
15 in linkage analysis as a marker for chromosome X.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, tumors of a brain origin; neurodegenerative disorders, and sex-linked
20 disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the brain, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., brain and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily
25 fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides
30 corresponding to Gene NO: 49 are useful for the diagnosis of tumors of a brain origin, and the treatment of neurodegenerative disorders, such as Parkinson's disease, and sex-linked disorders.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 50

35 The translation product Gene NO: 50 shares sequence homology with canine phospholemman, a major plasma membrane substrate for cAMP-dependent protein kinases A and C. (See Accession No. M63934; see also Accession No. A40533.) In

fact, a group also recently cloned the human phospholemman gene, and mapped this gene to chromosome 19. (See Accession No.1916010.) Phospholemman is a type I integral membrane protein that gets phosphorylated in response to specific extracellular stimuli such as insulin and adrenalin. Phospholemman forms ion channels in the cell membrane and appears to regulate taurine transport, suggesting an involvement in cell volume regulation. It has been proposed that phospholemman is a member of a superfamily of membrane proteins, characterized by single transmembrane domains, which function in transmembrane ion flux. They are capable of linking signal transduction to the regulation of such cellular processes as the control of cell volume.

Gene No 50 is expressed primarily in fetal liver and to a lesser extent in adult brain and kidney, as well as other organs.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, insulin and/or adrenalin defects; diabetes; aberrant ion channel signaling; defective taurine transport; and defects in cell volume regulation. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the brain and/or immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., liver, brain, and kidney, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to phospholemman indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 50 are useful for treatment of disorders involving the transport of ions and small molecules, in particular taurine. It could also be beneficial for control of pathologies or diseases wherein aberrancies in the control of cell volume are a distinguishing feature, due to the predicted role for phospholemman in the normal control of cell volume. It also may play a role in disorders involving abnormal circulating levels of insulin and/or adrenalin - along with other active secreted molecules - as revealed by its phosphorylation upon stimulation with insulin or adrenalin.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 183 as residues: Ala-20 to Gln-34, Arg-58 to Thr-79, and Leu-87 to Arg-92.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 52

Gene NO: 52 is expressed primarily in metastatic melanoma and to a lesser extent in infant brain.

- 5 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer and cancer metastasis. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for
- 10 differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., epidermis, and brain, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a
- 15 disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 52 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of melanoma.

20 **FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 53**

The translation product of Gene NO: 53 shares sequence homology with mucin which is thought to be important cell surface molecule. It also exhibits sequence identity with a calcium channel blocker of Agelenopsis aperta. In particular, with those calcium channel blockers which affect neuronal and muscle cells.

- 25 Gene NO: 53 is expressed primarily in prostate, endothelial cells, smooth muscle and fetal tissues and to a lesser extent in T cells and placenta.

- Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are
- 30 not limited to, prostate cancer, immune disorders, angina, hypertension, cardiomyopathies, supraventricular arrhythmia, oesophageal achalasia, premature labour, and Raynaud's disease. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells,
- 35 particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues or cell types (e.g., prostate, and tissue and cells of the immune system, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or

bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

- 5 The tissue distribution and homology to mucin indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 53 are useful as a surface antigen for diagnosis of diseases such as prostate cancer and as tumor vaccine.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 54

- 10 Gene NO: 54 encodes a polypeptide which exhibits sequence identity with the rab receptor and VAMP-2 receptor proteins. (Martincic, et al., J. Biol. Chem. 272 (1997).)

Gene NO: 54 is expressed primarily in placenta, fetal liver, osteoclastoma and smooth muscle and to a lesser extent in T cell, fetal lung and colon cancer.

- 15 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancers, osteoporosis and immuno-related diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing
- 20 immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, hematopoiesis system and bone system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., placenta, liver, osteoclastoma, smooth muscle, T-cells, and lung, and colon, and
- 25 cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.
- 30 The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 54 are useful for treating cancer, osteoporosis and immuno-disorders.

- Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 187 as residues: Pro-16 to Phe-21, Pro-24 to Arg-35, Arg-92 to Pro-98, Asn-143 to
- 35 Lys-151, and Leu-169 to Ile-176.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 55

Gene NO: 55 encodes a protein having sequence identity to the rat galanin receptor GALR2.

Gene NO: 55 is expressed primarily in ovarian cancer.

5 Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of ovarian cancer. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to those polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders
10 of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system and reproductive system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., ovary, and tissues and cells of the immune system, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample
15 taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. GALR2 antagonists can be used to treat obesity, bulimia, or Alzheimer's disease, while GALR2 agonists can be used to treat anorexia or pain, or to decrease nociception (claimed). Agonists and antagonists can also be used to
20 treat numerous other disorders, including cognitive disorders, sensory disorders, motion sickness, convulsion/epilepsy, hypertension, diabetes, glaucoma, reproductive disorders, gastric and intestinal ulcers, inflammation, immune disorders, and anxiety.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 55 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of ovarian cancer.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 56

As indicated in Table 1, the predicted signal sequence of Gene NO: 56 relates to an open reading frame that is homologous to the mouse major histocompatibility locus class III. (See Accession No. 2564953.) Any frame shift mutations that alter the correct
30 open reading frame can easily be clarified using known molecular biology techniques. Moreover, in the opposite orientation, a second translated product is disclosed. This second translation product of this contig is identical in sequence to intracellular protein lysophosphatidic acid acyltransferase. The nucleotide and amino acid sequences of this translated product have since been published by Stamps and colleagues (Biochem. J.
35 326 (Pt 2), 455-461 (1997)), West and coworkers (DNA Cell Biol. 6, 691-701 (1997)), Rowan (GenBank Accession No. U89336), and Soyombo and Hofmann (GenBank Accession No. AF020544). This gene is thought to enhance cytokine

signaling response in cells. It is likely that a signal peptide is located upstream from this translated product. Preferred polypeptide fragments comprise the amino acid sequence: GLACWLAGVIFIDRKRTGDAISVMSEVAQTLLTQDVXVWVFPEGTRNHNGSML PFKRGAFHLAVQAQVPIVPIVMSSYQDFYCKKERRFTSGQCQVRVLPVPTEGL
 5 TPDVPALADRVRHSMMLHCF(SEQ ID NO: 265);
 PSAKYFFKMAFYNGWILFLAVLAIPVCAVRGRNVENMKILRLMLLHIKLYGI
 RVEVRGAHHFPPSQPYVVVSNHQSSDLLGMMEVLPGRCVPIAKR (SEQ ID
 NO:266); TVFREISTD (SEQ ID NO:267); or LWAGSAGWPAG (SEQ ID NO: 268).
 Also provided are polynucleotide fragments encoding these polypeptide fragments.

- 10 Gene NO: 56 is expressed primarily in infant adrenal gland, hypothalamus, 7 week old embryonic tissue, fetal lung, osteoclastoma stromal cells, and to a lesser extent in a large number of additional tissues.

- Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a
 15 biological sample and for diagnosis of developmental disorders and osteoclastoma. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) in which it is highly expressed. For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly during development or of the nervous or bone systems, expression
 20 of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., adrenal, embryonic tissue, lung, and osteoclastoma stromal cells, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene
 25 expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. Further, expression of this protein can be used to alter the fatty acid composition of a given cell or membrane type.

- The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 56 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of osteoclastoma
 30 and other bone and non-bone-related cancers, as well as for the diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 189 as residues: Gly-29 to Gly-36 and Tyr-49 to Tyr-58.

35 **FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 57**

The translation product of Gene NO: 57 shares sequence homology with longevity-assurance protein-1. (See Accession No. g1123105.) Preferred

polynucleotide fragments comprise nucleotides 6-125 and 118-432, as well as the polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides. It is likely that a second signal sequence exists upstream from the predicted signal sequence in Table 1. Moreover, a frame shift likely occurs between nucleotides 118-125, which can be elucidated using standard molecular biology techniques.

Gene NO: 57 is expressed primarily in fetal liver, kidney, brain, thymus, and bone marrow.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, immunological diseases and hyperproliferative disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the fetal liver, kidney, brain, thymus, and bone marrow expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., liver, kidney, brain, thymus, and bone marrow, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to longevity-assurance protein suggest that Gene NO: 57 encodes a protein useful in increasing life span and in replacement therapy for those suffering from immune system disorders or hyperproliferative disorders caused by underexpression or overexpression of this gene.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 190 as residues: Val-29 to Arg-46 and Gly-50 to Gly-56.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 58

Domains of the Gene NO: 58 product are homologous to porcine surfactant protein-A receptor. (See Accession No. B48516.) The bovine gene binds surfactant protein-A receptor, modulating the secretion of alveolar surfactant. Based on this homology, the gene product encoded by this gene will likely have activity similar to the porcine gene. Preferred polynucleotide fragments comprise nucleotides 887-1039, as well as the polypeptide fragments encoded by this nucleotide fragment.

Gene NO: 58 is expressed primarily in brain and to a lesser extent in endothelial cells.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, diseases of the central nervous system including dementia, stroke, neurological disorders, respiratory distress, and diseases affecting the endothelium including inflammatory diseases, restenosis, and vascular diseases. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the placenta, liver, endothelial cells, prostate, thymus, and lung, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., brain, and endothelial cells, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 58 are useful for the diagnosis and /or treatment of diseases on the central nervous system, such as a factor that promote neuronal survival or protection, in the treatment of inflammatory disorders of the endothelium, or in disorders of the lung. In addition this protein may inhibit or promote angiogenesis and therefore is useful in the treatment of vascular disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 191 as residues: His-66 to Pro-80, Gly-139 to Ser-146 and Ser-262 to Pro-267.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 59

The translation product of Gene NO: 59 is homologous to the rat hypertension-induced protein which is thought to be important in hypertension, and found expressed mainly in kidneys. (See Accession No. B61209.) Thus, it is likely that this gene product is involved in hypertension in humans. Preferred polypeptide fragments comprise the short chain dehydrogenase/reductase motif SILGIISVPLSIGYCASKHALRGFFNGLR (SEQ ID NO:269), as well as polynucleotides encoding this polypeptide fragment. Also preferred are polynucleotide fragments of 337-639, as well as the polypeptide fragments encoded by this polynucleotide fragment.

Gene NO: 59 is expressed primarily in liver, spleen, lung, brain, and prostate.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cardiovascular, immunological, and renal disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the cardiovascular, renal, and immune, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., liver, spleen, lung, brain, and prostate, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to hypertension-induced protein indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 59 are useful for treating hypertension.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 192 as residues: Gln-40 to Glu-45, Glu-96 to Glu-102, Asn-256 to Thr-266, and Asp-308 to Asp-317.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 60

Gene NO: 60 is expressed primarily in activated T-cell and jurkat cell and to a lesser extent in apoptic T-cell and CD34+ cell. It is likely that alternative open reading frames provide the full length amino acid sequence, which can be verified using standard molecular biology techniques.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, T lymphocyte related diseases or hematopoiesis. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., T-cells and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard

gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 60 are useful for diagnosis or treatment of immune system disorders.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 61

The translation product of Gene NO: 61, a vacuolar proton-ATPase, shares sequence homology with a *Caenorhabditis elegans* protein which is thought to be important in development. This protein may be a human secretory homologue that may also influence embryo development. Ludwig, J., also recently cloned this gene from chromaffin granules. (See, Accession No. 2584788.) Although Table 1 indicates the predicted signal peptide sequence, the translated product of this gene may in fact start with the upstream methionine, beginning with the amino acid sequence MAYHGLTV (SEQ ID NO:270). Thus, polypeptides comprising this upstream sequence, as well as N-terminus deletions, are also contemplated in the present invention.

Gene NO: 61 is expressed primarily in human placenta, liver, and Hodgkin's Lymphoma and to a lesser extent in bone marrow. Modest levels of expression were also observed in dendritic cells.

Therefore, polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, hyperproliferative disorders, defects in embryonic development, and diseases or disorders caused by defects in chromaffin granules. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly cancer, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., placenta, liver, lymph tissue, and bone marrow, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to *Caenorhabditis elegans* indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 61 are useful for diagnostic or therapeutic modalities for hyperproliferative disorders, embryonic development disorders, and chromaffin granules disorders.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 62

The translation product of Gene NO: 62 shares sequence homology with the murine LAG3 gene which is thought to be important in the mediation of natural killer cell (NK cell) activity as previously determined by experiments in mice containing null mutations of LAG3. The similarity of this gene to the CD4 receptor may imply that the gene product may be a secreted, soluble receptor and immune mediator.

Gene NO: 62 is expressed primarily in human fetal heart, meningima, and to a lesser extent in tonsils. This gene also is expressed in the breast cancer cell line MDA 36.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, lymphomas, leukemias, breast cancer and any immune system dysfunction, including those dysfunctions which involve natural killer cell activities. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system or breast cancer, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., heart, meningima, and tonsils and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to the LAG3 gene (murine) indicates that the polynucleotides and polypeptides corresponding to Gene NO: 62 are useful for diagnostic and/or therapeutic modalities directed at abnormalities or disease states involving defective immune systems, preferably involving natural killer cell activity, as well as breast cancer.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 195 as residues: Pro-10 to Trp-17, Cys-58 to Pro-67, Thr-76 to Glu-85, and Arg-93 to Asn-101.

35 FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 63

The translation product of Gene NO: 63 shares sequence homology with a *Caenorhabditis elegans* alpha-collagen gene (Clg), which is thought to be important in

organism development, as well as other collagen genes. Thus, based on sequence homology, polypeptides of this gene are expected to have activity similar to collagen, including involvement in organ development.

Gene NO: 63 is expressed primarily in human B-Cell Lymphoma, and to a lesser extent in human pituitary tissue. This gene has also demonstrated expression in keratinocytes.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, B-Cell Lymphoma, other lymphomas, leukemias, and other cancers, as well as disorders related to development. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., tissue and/or cells of the immune system, and pituitary, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to *Caenorhabditis elegans* alpha-collagen gene indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 63 are useful for development of diagnostic and/or therapeutic modalities directed at the detection and/or treatment of cancer, specifically B-Cell Lymphomas, leukemias, or diseases related to development.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 196 as residues: Thr-22 to Arg-27 and Ser-29 to Thr-39.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 64

The translation product of Gene NO: 64 shares sequence homology with human extracellular molecule olfactomedin, which is thought to be important in the maintenance, growth, or differentiation of chemosensory cilia on the apical dendrites of olfactory neurons. Based on this sequence homology, it is likely that polypeptides of this gene have activity similar to the olfactomedin, particularly the differentiation or proliferation of neurons.

Gene NO: 64 is expressed primarily in fetal lung tissue.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, diseases of the lung as well as neural development, particularly of the lung. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the pulmonary system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., lungs and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to the olfactomedin family indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 64 are useful for the development of diagnostic and/or therapeutic modalities directed at detection and/or treatment of pulmonary disease states, e.g., cystic fibrosis.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 197 as residues: Gly-17 to Gln-23, Gln-45 to Arg-50, Arg-56 to Lys-61, Glu-70 to Leu-76, Asp-88 to Glu-93, Pro-117 to Met-131, Asp-161 to Glu-167, Arg-224 to Asn-237, Asp-302 to Trp-312, Pro-315 to Asn-320, and Thr-337 to Ser-341.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 65

The translation product of Gene NO: 65 shares sequence homology with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* hypothetical protein YKL166 (Accession No. gi/687880) which is thought to be important in secretory and/or vesicular transport mechanisms. Based on this homology, it is likely that the gene product would have similar activity to YKL166, particularly secretory or transport mechanisms. Preferred polypeptide fragments of this gene include those fragments starting with the amino acid sequence ISAARV (SEQ ID NO:271). Other polypeptide fragments include the former fragment, which ends with the amino acid sequence PDVSEFMTRLF (SEQ ID NO:272). Further preferred fragments include those polypeptide fragments comprising the amino acid sequence FDPVRVDITSGKMRAR (SEQ ID NO:273). Also preferred are polypeptide fragments having exogenous signal sequences fused to the polypeptide.

Gene No 65 is expressed primarily in placenta, testis, osteoclastoma and to a lesser extent in adrenal gland.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer and/or diseases involving defects in protein secretion. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the reproductive system, cartilage and bone, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., placenta, testis, adrenal gland, and osteoclastoma, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to the yeast YKL1GG protein indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 65 are useful for the development of therapeutic and/or diagnostic modalities targeted at cancer or secretory anomalies, such as genetically caused secretory diseases.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 198 as residues: Ser-18 to Ser-29 and Lys-53 to Arg-74.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 66

The translation product of Gene NO: 66 shares sequence homology with the human papilloma virus (HPV) E5 ORF region which is thought to be important as a secreted growth factor. Although this is described as a viral gene product, it is believed to have several cellular secretory homologues. Therefore, based on the sequence similarity between the HPV E5 ORF and the translated product of this gene, this gene product is likely to have activity similar to HPV E5 ORF.

Gene NO: 66 is expressed primarily in activated T-Cells, monocytes, cerebellum and to a lesser extent in infant brain.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, cancer and/or human papilloma virus infection. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of

this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., brain, lymph tissue, monocytes, and T-cells and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. Moreover, polynucleotides of this gene have been mapped to chromosome 1. Therefore, polynucleotides of the present invention can be used in linkage analysis as a marker for chromosome 1.

The tissue distribution and homology to human papilloma virus E5 region indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 66 are useful for development of diagnostic and/or therapeutic modalities directed at the diagnosis and/or treatment of cancer and/or human papilloma virus infection (HPV).

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 199 as residues: Asn-31 to Arg-36 and Leu-102 to Ser-112.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 67

The translation product of Gene NO: 67 shares sequence homology with the 8hs20 protein precursor [*Mus musculus*] which is thought to be important in B-Cell mu chain assembly. (See, Accession No. PID/d1002996; Shiraswa, T., EMBO. J. 12(5):1827-1834 (1993).) A polypeptide fragment starting at amino acid 53 is preferred, as well as 1-20 amino acid N-terminus and/or C-terminus deletions. Based on the sequence similarity between 8hs20 protein and the translation product of this gene, the two polypeptides are expected to share certain biological activities, particularly immunologic activities.

Gene NO: 67 is expressed primarily in human B-cells and to a lesser extent in Hodgkin's Lymphoma. It is also likely that the polypeptide will be expressed in B-cell specific cells, bone marrow, and spleen, as is observed with 8hs20.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Common Variable Immunodeficiency, and/or other B-cell lymphomas. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., bone

marrow, spleen, lymph tissue, and B-cells, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution and homology to 8hs20 protein precursor [*Mus musculus*], indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 67 are useful for therapeutic and/or diagnostic purposes, targeting Hodgkin's Lymphoma, B-cell lymphomas, Common Variable Immunodeficiency, or other immune disorders.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 200 as residues: Asp-51 to Trp-56, Arg-72 to Asp-85, and Gln-106 to Asp-112.

FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 68

Gene NO: 68 is expressed primarily in fetal liver/spleen, rhabdomyosarcoma, and to a lesser extent in 9 week-old early stage human embryo and bone marrow.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, rhabdomyosarcoma and other cancers, hematopoietic disorders, and immune dysfunction. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune system, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues (e.g., embryonic tissue, striated muscle, liver, spleen, and bone marrow, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that the protein product of Gene NO: 68 is useful for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes directed to cancer, preferably rhabdomyosarcoma. Enhanced expression of this gene in fetal liver, spleen, and bone marrow indicates that this gene plays an active role in hematopoiesis. Polypeptides or polynucleotides of the present invention may therefore help modulate survival, proliferation, and/or differentiation of various hematopoietic lineages, including the hematopoietic stem cell. Thus, polynucleotides or polypeptides can be used treat

various hematopoietic disorders and influence the development and differentiation of blood cell lineages, including hematopoietic stem cell expansion. The polypeptide does contain a thioredoxin family active site at amino acids 64-82. Polypeptides comprising this thioredoxin active site are contemplated.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 69

Gene NO: 69 is expressed primarily in liver and kidney and to a lesser extent in macrophages, uterus, placenta, and testes.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as
10 reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, renal disorders, neoplasms (e.g., soft tissue cancer, hepatocellular tumors), immune disorders, endocrine imbalances, and reproductive disorders. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in
15 providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the hepatic, urogenital, immune, and reproductive systems, expression of this gene at significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and cell types (e.g., liver, kidney, uterus, placenta, testes, and macrophages and cancerous and
20 wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides
25 corresponding to Gene NO: 69 are useful for diagnosis and treatment of disorders in the hepatic, urogenital, immune, and reproductive systems.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 202 as residues: Arg-41 to Ser-50, Glu-138 to Asn-148, Ser-155 to Arg-172, Pro-219 to Glu-228.

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FEATURES OF PROTEIN ENCODED BY GENE NO: 70

Gene NO: 70 is expressed primarily in the immune system, including macrophages, T-cells, and dendritic cells and to a lesser extent in fetal tissue.

Therefore, polynucleotides or polypeptides of the invention are useful as
35 reagents for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s) present in a biological sample and for diagnosis of diseases and conditions which include, but are not limited to, immune disorders, inflammatory diseases, lymph node disorders, fetal

development, and cancers. Similarly, polypeptides and antibodies directed to these polypeptides are useful in providing immunological probes for differential identification of the tissue(s) or cell type(s). For a number of disorders of the above tissues or cells, particularly of the immune and hematopoietic systems expression of this gene at
5 significantly higher or lower levels may routinely be detected in certain tissues and certain cell types (e.g., macrophages, T-cells, dendritic cells, and fetal tissue, and cancerous and wounded tissues) or bodily fluids (e.g., serum, plasma, urine, synovial fluid or spinal fluid) or another tissue or cell sample taken from an individual having such a disorder, relative to the standard gene expression level, i.e., the expression level
10 in healthy tissue or bodily fluid from an individual not having the disorder. There is some evidence that the polynucleotide is mapped to chromosome 19. Thus, the polynucleotide can be a marker for genetic analysis for chromosome 19.

The tissue distribution indicates that polypeptides and polynucleotides corresponding to Gene NO: 70 are useful for treatment, prophylaxis, and diagnosis of
15 immune and autoimmune diseases, such as lupus, transplant rejection, allergic reactions, arthritis, asthma, immunodeficiency diseases, leukemia, and AIDS. The polypeptides or polynucleotides of the present invention are also useful in the treatment, prophylaxis, and detection of thymus disorders, such as Graves Disease, lymphocytic thyroiditis, hyperthyroidism, and hypothyroidism. The expression observed
20 predominantly in hematopoietic cells also indicates that the polynucleotides or polypeptides are important in treating and/or detecting hematopoietic disorders, such as graft versus host reaction, graft versus host disease, transplant rejection, myelogenous leukemia, bone marrow fibrosis, and myeloproliferative disease. The polypeptides or polynucleotides are also useful to enhance or protect proliferation, differentiation, and
25 functional activation of hematopoietic progenitor cells (e.g., bone marrow cells), useful in treating cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy or patients undergoing bone marrow transplantation. The polypeptides or polynucleotides are also useful to increase the proliferation of peripheral blood leukocytes, which can be used in the combat of a range of hematopoietic disorders, including immunodeficiency diseases, leukemia, and
30 septicemia.

Preferred epitopes include those comprising a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 203 as residues: Thr-21 to Ser-27, Pro-33 to Ser-38, and Arg-73 to Lys-84.

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1	HGCM20	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	pSport1	11	1739	25	1658	54	54	134	1	28	29	466
2	HLDDBG33	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	pCMVSPORT 3.0	12	844	1	844	39	39	135	1	28	29	221
2	HLDDBG33	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	pCMVSPORT 3.0	81	795	1	434	10	10	204	1	29	30	34
3	HTGEW86	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	13	776	134	676	173	173	136	1	35	36	155
4	HKCSR70	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	pBluescript	14	1376	727	1343	202	202	137	1	20	21	232
4	HKCSR70	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	pBluescript	82	1324	741	1309		861	205	1	31	32	42

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4	HETBI87	209010 04/28/97 209085 05/29/97	Uni-ZAP XR	83	1494	1	1484	51	51	206	1	34	35	84
5	HTEAU17	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	15	502	1	502	143	143	138	1	33	34	60
6	HBMCI91	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	pBluescript	16	425	1	425	56	56	139	1	17	18	72
7	HSSGE07	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	17	1316	1	1298	45	45	140	1	26	27	376
7	HSSGE07	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	84	1285	1	1271	15	15	207	1	28	29	207
8	HBMCI59	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	pBluescript	18	436	87	384	157	157	141	1	21	22	42

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9	HNGIT22	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	19	503	1	503	23	23	142	1	19	20	40
10	HERAD57	97897 02/26/97 209043 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	20	358	1	358	147	147	143	1	31	32	69
11	HCENJ40	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	21	1926	573	1926	157	157	144	1	30	31	482
11	HCENJ40	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	85	394	1	394	166	166	208	1	20	21	23
11	HCENJ40	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	86	1925	573	1925	157	157	209	1	30	31	482
11	HCENJ40	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	87	1818	30	1298		1137	210	1			12

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12	HCSRA90	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	22	1224	64	557	80	80	145	1	30	31	225
13	HBJFC03	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	23	694	1	694	181	181	146	1	39	40	44
13	HBJFC03	97898 02/26/97 209044 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	88	539	1	539	215	215	211	1	18	19	19
14	HSNBL85	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	24	796	405	796	1	1	147	1	30	31	131
14	HSNBL85	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	89	855	300	855	513	513	212	1	37	38	54
15	HTEBY26	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	25	662	205	653	77	77	148	1	30	31	91

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15	HTEBY26	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	90	628	198	625		275	213	1	31	32	34
16	HMABH07	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	26	1105	40	1105	88	88	149	1	18	19	164
16	HMABH07	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	91	1053	61	1009	79	79	214	1	22	23	229
17	HSKNY94	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pBluescript	27	1017	1	1017	97	97	150	1	30	31	138
17	HSKNY94	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pBluescript	93	2492	1	943	100	100	216	1	27	28	126
18	HMCDA67	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	28	391	1	391	169	169	151	1	29	30	57

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19	HOSFF45	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	29	1139	6	1139	109	109	152	1	44	45	47
19	HOSFF45	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	94	3058	1795	2847	1868	1868	217	1	46	47	46
20	HMJAA51	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pSport1	30	465	1	370	47	47	153	1	28	29	41
20	HMJAA51	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pSport1	95	1099	664	1000	669	669	218	1	33	34	40
21	HTEBF05	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	31	702	1	702	403	403	154	1	24	25	71
22	HTEAL31	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	32	1142	1	518	49	49	155	1	47	48	105

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22	HTEAL31	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	96	1580	23	422	32	32	219	1	47	48	104
23	HBMCT32	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pBluescript	33	928	1	928	48	48	156	1	27	28	28
23	HBMCT32	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pBluescript	97	678	72	593	89	89	220	1	27	28	28
24	HSKXE91	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pBluescript	34	773	1	773	39	39	157	1	22	23	52
24	HSKXE91	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	pBluescript	98	1253	507	1253	507	507	221	1			16
25	HPWTB39	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	35	453	1	453	40	40	158	1	25	26	74

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26	HTLEV12	97899 02/26/97 209045 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	36	459	1	459	25	25	159	1	24	25	80
27	HSPAF93	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	pSport1	37	509	1	509	1	1	160	1	19	20	138
27	HSPAF93	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	pSport1	99	447	1	447	7	7	222	1	23	24	137
28	HHFGL62	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	38	598	1	598	1	1	161	1	21	22	177
28	HHFGL62	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	100	611	37	611	17	17	223	1	26	27	49
29	HCEIU14	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	39	454	1	454	1	1	162	1	21	22	71

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29	HCEIU14	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	101	609	176	609	237	237	224	1			14
30	HEBDA39	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	40	425	1	376	223	223	163	1	18	19	66
31	HTHBA79	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	41	2471	141	2471	213	213	164	1	30	31	154
31	HTHBA79	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	102	1770	47	1721	119	119	225	1	31	32	154
31	HTHBA79	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	103	1832	96	1777	138	138	226	1			9
32	HAGBB70	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	42	2659	1172	2659	119	119	165	1	18	19	103

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32	HAGBB70	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	104	2237	878	2237	1134	1134	227	1			19
33	HETDG84	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	43	1635	100	1580	299	299	166	1	20	21	80
34	HTEGA81	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	44	780	19	717	10	10	167	1	23	24	92
34	HKGAJ40	209236 09/04/97	pSport1	105	1822	1	1023	272	272	228	1	23	24	93
34	HKMLK44	209084 05/29/97	pBluescript	106	1712	1	1669	168	168	229	1	21	22	93
35	HTXAK60	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	45	2378	1337	2378	1437	1437	168	1	30	31	57
35	HTXAK60	97900 02/26/97 209046 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	107	1969	1068	1892	989	989	230	1	23	24	36

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36	HMHBN40	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	46	1772	69	1772	129	129	169	1	30	31	231
36	HMHBN40	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	108	1734	65	1734	100	100	231	1	29	30	80
37	HFVGS85	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	pBluescript	47	1107	70	1107	83	83	170	1	30	31	71
38	HERAH81	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	48	805	167	764	167	167	171	1	23	24	64
39	HMSEU04	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	49	1408	131	1258	364	364	172	1	22	23	74
40	HNEDI57	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	50	1813	1	1184	2	2	173	1	1	2	333

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41	HNTME13	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	pSport1	51	2070	74	2070	142	142	174	1	20	21	195
41	HNTME13	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	pSport1	109	2003	15	1957	68	68	232	1	22	23	300
42	HSXB125	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	52	1426	1	1426	158	158	175	1	25	26	264
42	HSXB125	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	110	1320	80	1311	41	41	233	1	29	30	312
43	HSXCK41	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	53	1720	1	1720	161	161	176	1	22	23	137
43	HSXCK41	97901 02/26/97 209047 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	111	1962	299	1962		566	234	1	33	34	47

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44	HE8CJ26	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	54	1117	1	1107	218	218	177	1	25	26	178
44	HE8CJ26	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	112	1785	30	1087		225	235	1	23	24	33
45	HTTDS54	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	55	1903	1	1903	119	119	178	1	31	32	154
45	HTTDS54	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	113	1842	1	1832	80	80	236	1	36	37	312
46	HLHDY31	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	56	1869	133	1838	124	124	179	1	24	25	294
46	HLHDY31	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	114	1960	90	1960	165	165	237	1	24	25	295

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47	HMCBP63	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	57	1259	320	1010	352	352	180	1	26	27	255
48	HEMGE83	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	58	1186	33	557	12	12	181	1	18	19	323
49	HHSDC22	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	59	428	1	304	172	172	182	1	34	35	46
50	HHSDZ57	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	60	501	1	501	40	40	183	1	62	63	92
50	HHSDZ57	97902 02/26/97 209048 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	115	536	73	536	73	73	238	1	22	23	91
52	HMMAB12	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	pSport1	62	595	1	595	308	308	185	1	29	30	42

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52	HMMAB12	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	pSport1	118	453	1	453	198	198	241	1	26	27	27
53	HSKDW02	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	63	1478	40	1436	176	176	186	1	39	40	58
53	HSKDW02	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	119	2016	211	1957	317	317	242	1	25	26	57
54	HETGL41	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	64	2033	1	2033	30	30	187	1	30	31	187
54	HETGL41	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	120	2136	110	2134	296	296	243	1	23	24	122
55	HODAZ50	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	65	440	1	440	1	1	188	1	26	27	145

Gene No.	cDNA Clone ID	ATCC Deposit No: Z and Date	Vector	NT SEQ ID NO: X	Total NT Seq.	5' NT of Clone Seq.	3' NT of Clone Seq.	5' NT of Start Codon	5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep	AA SEQ ID NO: Y	First AA of Sig Pep	Last AA of Sig Pep	Predicted First AA of Secreted Portion	Last AA of OR F
55	HODAZ50	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	121	219	1	219		1	244	1	10	11	72
56	HSDGE59	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	66	3301	349	1478	341	341	189	1	30	31	83
57	HE6ES13	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	67	1535	1	1535	331	331	190	1	26	27	57
57	HE6ES13	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	122	1686	239	1678		367	245	1	27	28	48
58	HSSEP68	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	68	1244	402	1244	57	57	191	1	30	31	310
58	HSSEP68	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	123	1211	1	1211	80	80	246	1	30	31	338

Gene No.	cDNA Clone ID	ATCC Deposit No: Z and Date	Vector	NT SEQ ID NO: X	Total NT Seq.	5' NT of Clone Seq.	3' NT of Clone Seq.	5' NT of Start Codon	5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep	AA SEQ ID NO: Y	First AA of Sig Pep	Last AA of Sig Pep	Predicted First AA of Secreted Portion	Last AA of OR F
58	HSSEP68	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	124	1804	402	1526	501	501	247	1			17
59	HRDEV41	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	69	1292	1	1278	70	70	192	1	28	29	317
59	HRDEV41	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	125	1282	31	1088	70	70	248	1	21	22	338
60	HILCJ01	97903 02/26/97 209049 05/15/97	pBluescript SK-	70	1031	498	1031	536	536	193	1	30	31	52
61	HSATP28	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	71	855	178	855	187	187	194	1	28	29	41
62	HHFGL41	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	72	1274	58	1274	118	118	195	1	42	43	101

Gene No.	cDNA Clone ID	ATCC Deposit No: Z and Date	Vector	NT SEQ ID NO: X	Total NT Seq.	5' NT of Clone Seq.	3' NT of Clone Seq.	5' NT of Start Codon	5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep	AA SEQ ID NO: Y	First AA of Sig Pep	Last AA of Sig Pep	Predicted First AA of Secreted Portion	Last AA of OR F
62	HHFGL41	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	126	1296	88	1237	133	133	249	1	39	40	95
63	HBJEM49	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	73	688	1	688	173	173	196	1	18	19	44
63	HBJEM49	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	127	737	1	737	174	174	250	1	20	21	78
64	HSLDI95	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	74	1890	1	1890	112	112	197	1	21	22	354
64	HSLDI95	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	128	1925	1	1829	87	87	251	1	23	24	353
65	HSREG44	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	75	1133	408	1133	531	531	198	1	18	19	73

Gene No.	cDNA Clone ID	ATCC Deposit No: Z and Date	Vector	NT SEQ ID NO: X	Total NT Seq.	5' NT of Clone Seq.	3' NT of Clone Seq.	5' NT of Start Codon	5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep	AA SEQ ID NO: Y	First AA of Sig Pep	Last AA of Sig Pep	Predicted First AA of Secreted Portion	Last AA of AA OR F
66	HTXCT40	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	76	585	1	585	1	1	199	1	69	70	112
66	HTXCT40	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	129	2713	2023	2713	2133	2133	252	1	39	40	108
67	HRGDF73	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	77	577	1	577	51	51	200	1	23	24	122
68	HRDBF52	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	78	2278	1458	1935	25	25	201	1	23	24	314
68	HRDBF52	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	130	1011	479	1011	701	701	253	1	20	21	44
68	HKMND45	97976 04/04/97	pBluescript	131	2278	1	1929	25	25	254	1	27	28	314
69	HPEBD70	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	79	1143	601	1097	95	95	202	1	6	7	235

Gene No.	cDNA Clone ID	ATCC Deposit No: Z and Date	Vector	NT SEQ ID NO: X	Total NT Seq.	5' NT of Clone Seq.	3' NT of Clone Seq.	5' NT of Start Codon	5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep	AA SEQ ID NO: Y	First AA of Sig Pep	Last AA of Sig Pep	Predicted First AA of Secreted Portion	Last AA of OR F
69	HPEBD70	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	132	1088	535	1043	588	588	255	1	27	28	52
70	HMCAB89	97904 02/26/97 209050 05/15/97	Uni-ZAP XR	80	557	1	557	132	132	203	1	25	26	92

Table 1 summarizes the information corresponding to each "Gene No." described above. The nucleotide sequence identified as "NT SEQ ID NO:X" was assembled from partially homologous ("overlapping") sequences obtained from the "cDNA clone ID" identified in Table 1 and, in some cases, from additional related DNA clones. The overlapping sequences were assembled into a single contiguous sequence of high redundancy (usually three to five overlapping sequences at each nucleotide position), resulting in a final sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:X.

The cDNA Clone ID was deposited on the date and given the corresponding deposit number listed in "ATCC Deposit No:Z and Date." Some of the deposits contain multiple different clones corresponding to the same gene. "Vector" refers to the type of vector contained in the cDNA Clone ID.

"Total NT Seq." refers to the total number of nucleotides in the contig identified by "Gene No." The deposited clone may contain all or most of these sequences, reflected by the nucleotide position indicated as "5' NT of Clone Seq." and the "3' NT of Clone Seq." of SEQ ID NO:X. The nucleotide position of SEQ ID NO:X of the putative start codon (methionine) is identified as "5' NT of Start Codon." Similarly, the nucleotide position of SEQ ID NO:X of the predicted signal sequence is identified as "5' NT of First AA of Signal Pep."

The translated amino acid sequence, beginning with the methionine, is identified as "AA SEQ ID NO:Y," although other reading frames can also be easily translated using known molecular biology techniques. The polypeptides produced by these alternative open reading frames are specifically contemplated by the present invention.

The first and last amino acid position of SEQ ID NO:Y of the predicted signal peptide is identified as "First AA of Sig Pep" and "Last AA of Sig Pep." The predicted first amino acid position of SEQ ID NO:Y of the secreted portion is identified as "Predicted First AA of Secreted Portion." Finally, the amino acid position of SEQ ID NO:Y of the last amino acid in the open reading frame is identified as "Last AA of ORF."

SEQ ID NO:X and the translated SEQ ID NO:Y are sufficiently accurate and otherwise suitable for a variety of uses well known in the art and described further below. For instance, SEQ ID NO:X is useful for designing nucleic acid hybridization probes that will detect nucleic acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA contained in the deposited clone. These probes will also hybridize to nucleic acid molecules in biological samples, thereby enabling a variety of forensic and diagnostic methods of the invention. Similarly, polypeptides identified from SEQ ID NO:Y may be used to generate antibodies which bind specifically to the secreted proteins encoded by the cDNA clones identified in Table 1.

Nevertheless, DNA sequences generated by sequencing reactions can contain sequencing errors. The errors exist as misidentified nucleotides, or as insertions or deletions of nucleotides in the generated DNA sequence. The erroneously inserted or deleted nucleotides cause frame shifts in the reading frames of the predicted amino acid sequence. In these cases, the predicted amino acid sequence diverges from the actual amino acid sequence, even though the generated DNA sequence may be greater than 99.9% identical to the actual DNA sequence (for example, one base insertion or deletion in an open reading frame of over 1000 bases).

Accordingly, for those applications requiring precision in the nucleotide sequence or the amino acid sequence, the present invention provides not only the generated nucleotide sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:X and the predicted translated amino acid sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:Y, but also a sample of plasmid DNA containing a human cDNA of the invention deposited with the ATCC, as set forth in Table 1. The nucleotide sequence of each deposited clone can readily be determined by sequencing the deposited clone in accordance with known methods. The predicted amino acid sequence can then be verified from such deposits. Moreover, the amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by a particular clone can also be directly determined by peptide sequencing or by expressing the protein in a suitable host cell containing the deposited human cDNA, collecting the protein, and determining its sequence.

The present invention also relates to the genes corresponding to SEQ ID NO:X, SEQ ID NO:Y, or the deposited clone. The corresponding gene can be isolated in accordance with known methods using the sequence information disclosed herein. Such methods include preparing probes or primers from the disclosed sequence and identifying or amplifying the corresponding gene from appropriate sources of genomic material.

Also provided in the present invention are species homologs. Species homologs may be isolated and identified by making suitable probes or primers from the sequences provided herein and screening a suitable nucleic acid source for the desired homologue.

The polypeptides of the invention can be prepared in any suitable manner. Such polypeptides include isolated naturally occurring polypeptides, recombinantly produced polypeptides, synthetically produced polypeptides, or polypeptides produced by a combination of these methods. Means for preparing such polypeptides are well understood in the art.

The polypeptides may be in the form of the secreted protein, including the mature form, or may be a part of a larger protein, such as a fusion protein (see below).

It is often advantageous to include an additional amino acid sequence which contains secretory or leader sequences, pro-sequences, sequences which aid in purification, such as multiple histidine residues, or an additional sequence for stability during recombinant production.

- 5 The polypeptides of the present invention are preferably provided in an isolated form, and preferably are substantially purified. A recombinantly produced version of a polypeptide, including the secreted polypeptide, can be substantially purified by the one-step method described in Smith and Johnson, *Gene* 67:31-40 (1988). Polypeptides of the invention also can be purified from natural or recombinant sources
10 using antibodies of the invention raised against the secreted protein in methods which are well known in the art.

Signal Sequences

- 15 Methods for predicting whether a protein has a signal sequence, as well as the cleavage point for that sequence, are available. For instance, the method of McGeoch, *Virus Res.* 3:271-286 (1985), uses the information from a short N-terminal charged region and a subsequent uncharged region of the complete (uncleaved) protein. The method of von Heinje, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 14:4683-4690 (1986) uses the information from the residues surrounding the cleavage site, typically residues -13 to +2, where +1
20 indicates the amino terminus of the secreted protein. The accuracy of predicting the cleavage points of known mammalian secretory proteins for each of these methods is in the range of 75-80%. (von Heinje, *supra*.) However, the two methods do not always produce the same predicted cleavage point(s) for a given protein.

- 25 In the present case, the deduced amino acid sequence of the secreted polypeptide was analyzed by a computer program called SignalP (Henrik Nielsen et al., *Protein Engineering* 10:1-6 (1997)), which predicts the cellular location of a protein based on the amino acid sequence. As part of this computational prediction of localization, the methods of McGeoch and von Heinje are incorporated. The analysis of the amino acid sequences of the secreted proteins described herein by this program provided the results
30 shown in Table 1.

- As one of ordinary skill would appreciate, however, cleavage sites sometimes vary from organism to organism and cannot be predicted with absolute certainty. Accordingly, the present invention provides secreted polypeptides having a sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:Y which have an N-terminus beginning within 5 residues (i.e., +
35 or - 5 residues) of the predicted cleavage point. Similarly, it is also recognized that in some cases, cleavage of the signal sequence from a secreted protein is not entirely

uniform, resulting in more than one secreted species. These polypeptides, and the polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides, are contemplated by the present invention.

Moreover, the signal sequence identified by the above analysis may not necessarily predict the naturally occurring signal sequence. For example, the naturally occurring signal sequence may be further upstream from the predicted signal sequence. However, it is likely that the predicted signal sequence will be capable of directing the secreted protein to the ER. These polypeptides, and the polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides, are contemplated by the present invention.

10 Polynucleotide and Polypeptide Variants

"Variant" refers to a polynucleotide or polypeptide differing from the polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention, but retaining essential properties thereof. Generally, variants are overall closely similar, and, in many regions, identical to the polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention.

15 "Identity" per se has an art-recognized meaning and can be calculated using published techniques. (See, e.g.: (COMPUTATIONAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, Lesk, A.M., ed., Oxford University Press, New York, (1988); BIOCOMPUTING: INFORMATICS AND GENOME PROJECTS, Smith, D.W., ed., Academic Press, New York, (1993); COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF SEQUENCE DATA, PART I, Griffin, A.M., and Griffin, H.G., eds., Humana Press, New Jersey, (1994); SEQUENCE ANALYSIS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, von Heinje, G., Academic Press, (1987); and SEQUENCE ANALYSIS PRIMER, Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds., M Stockton Press, New York, (1991).) While there exists a number of methods to measure identity between two polynucleotide or polypeptide sequences, the term "identity" is well known to skilled artisans. (Carillo, H., and Lipton, D., SIAM J Applied Math 48:1073 (1988).) Methods commonly employed to determine identity or similarity between two sequences include, but are not limited to, those disclosed in "Guide to Huge Computers," Martin J. Bishop, ed., Academic Press, San Diego, (1994), and Carillo, H., and Lipton, D., SIAM J Applied Math 48:1073 (1988). 25 Methods for aligning polynucleotides or polypeptides are codified in computer programs, including the GCG program package (Devereux, J., et al., Nucleic Acids Research (1984) 12(1):387 (1984)), BLASTP, BLASTN, FASTA (Atschul, S.F. et al., J. Molec. Biol. 215:403 (1990), Bestfit program (Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package, Version 8 for Unix, Genetics Computer Group, University Research Park, 30 575 Science Drive, Madison, WI 53711 (using the local homology algorithm of Smith and Waterman, Advances in Applied Mathematics 2:482-489 (1981).)

When using any of the sequence alignment programs to determine whether a particular sequence is, for instance, 95% identical to a reference sequence, the parameters are set so that the percentage of identity is calculated over the full length of the reference polynucleotide and that gaps in identity of up to 5% of the total number of nucleotides in the reference polynucleotide are allowed.

A preferred method for determining the best overall match between a query sequence (a sequence of the present invention) and a subject sequence, also referred to as a global sequence alignment, can be determined using the FASTDB computer program based on the algorithm of Brutlag et al. (Comp. App. Biosci. 6:237-245 (1990).) The term "sequence" includes nucleotide and amino acid sequences. In a sequence alignment the query and subject sequences are either both nucleotide sequences or both amino acid sequences. The result of said global sequence alignment is in percent identity. Preferred parameters used in a FASTDB search of a DNA sequence to calculate percent identity are: Matrix=Unitary, k-tuple=4, Mismatch Penalty=1, Joining Penalty=30, Randomization Group Length=0, and Cutoff Score=1, Gap Penalty=5, Gap Size Penalty 0.05, and Window Size=500 or query sequence length in nucleotide bases, whichever is shorter. Preferred parameters employed to calculate percent identity and similarity of an amino acid alignment are: Matrix=PAM 150, k-tuple=2, Mismatch Penalty=1, Joining Penalty=20, Randomization Group Length=0, Cutoff Score=1, Gap Penalty=5, Gap Size Penalty=0.05, and Window Size=500 or query sequence length in amino acid residues, whichever is shorter.

As an illustration, a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence of at least 95% "identity" to a sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA contained in the deposited clone, means that the polynucleotide is identical to a sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA except that the polynucleotide sequence may include up to five point mutations per each 100 nucleotides of the total length (not just within a given 100 nucleotide stretch). In other words, to obtain a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:X or the deposited clone, up to 5% of the nucleotides in the sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA can be deleted, inserted, or substituted with other nucleotides. These changes may occur anywhere throughout the polynucleotide.

Further embodiments of the present invention include polynucleotides having at least 85% identity, more preferably at least 90% identity, and most preferably at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to a sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA contained in the deposited clone. Of course, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, one of ordinary skill in the art will immediately recognize that a large number of the polynucleotides having at least 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identity

will encode a polypeptide identical to an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:Y or the expressed protein produced by the deposited clone.

Similarly, by a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence having at least, for example, 95% "identity" to a reference polypeptide, is intended that the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide is identical to the reference polypeptide except that the polypeptide sequence may include up to five amino acid alterations per each 100 amino acids of the total length of the reference polypeptide. In other words, to obtain a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a reference amino acid sequence, up to 5% of the amino acid residues in the reference sequence may be deleted or substituted with another amino acid, or a number of amino acids up to 5% of the total amino acid residues in the reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. These alterations of the reference sequence may occur at the amino or carboxy terminal positions of the reference amino acid sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among residues in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence.

Further embodiments of the present invention include polypeptides having at least 80% identity, more preferably at least 85% identity, more preferably at least 90% identity, and most preferably at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:Y or the expressed protein produced by the deposited clone. Preferably, the above polypeptides should exhibit at least one biological activity of the protein.

In a preferred embodiment, polypeptides of the present invention include polypeptides having at least 90% similarity, more preferably at least 95% similarity, and still more preferably at least 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% similarity to an amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:Y or the expressed protein produced by the deposited clone.

The variants may contain alterations in the coding regions, non-coding regions, or both. Especially preferred are polynucleotide variants containing alterations which produce silent substitutions, additions, or deletions, but do not alter the properties or activities of the encoded polypeptide. Nucleotide variants produced by silent substitutions due to the degeneracy of the genetic code are preferred. Moreover, variants in which 5-10, 1-5, or 1-2 amino acids are substituted, deleted, or added in any combination are also preferred. Polynucleotide variants can be produced for a variety of reasons, e.g., to optimize codon expression for a particular host (change codons in the human mRNA to those preferred by a bacterial host such as *E. coli*).

Naturally occurring variants are called "allelic variants," and refer to one of several alternate forms of a gene occupying a given locus on a chromosome of an

organism. (Genes II, Lewin, B., ed., John Wiley & Sons, New York (1985).) These allelic variants can vary at either the polynucleotide and/or polypeptide level. Alternatively, non-naturally occurring variants may be produced by mutagenesis techniques or by direct synthesis.

- 5 Using known methods of protein engineering and recombinant DNA technology, variants may be generated to improve or alter the characteristics of the polypeptides of the present invention. For instance, one or more amino acids can be deleted from the N-terminus or C-terminus of the secreted protein without substantial loss of biological function. The authors of Ron et al., J. Biol. Chem. 268: 2984-2988
10 (1993), reported variant KGF proteins having heparin binding activity even after deleting 3, 8, or 27 amino-terminal amino acid residues. Similarly, Interferon gamma exhibited up to ten times higher activity after deleting 8-10 amino acid residues from the carboxy terminus of this protein. (Dobeli et al., J. Biotechnology 7:199-216 (1988).)

- 15 Moreover, ample evidence demonstrates that variants often retain a biological activity similar to that of the naturally occurring protein. For example, Gayle and coworkers (J. Biol. Chem 268:22105-22111 (1993)) conducted extensive mutational analysis of human cytokine IL-1a. They used random mutagenesis to generate over 3,500 individual IL-1a mutants that averaged 2.5 amino acid changes per variant over the entire length of the molecule. Multiple mutations were examined at every possible
20 amino acid position. The investigators found that "[m]ost of the molecule could be altered with little effect on either [binding or biological activity]." (See, Abstract.) In fact, only 23 unique amino acid sequences, out of more than 3,500 nucleotide sequences examined, produced a protein that significantly differed in activity from wild-type.

- 25 Furthermore, even if deleting one or more amino acids from the N-terminus or C-terminus of a polypeptide results in modification or loss of one or more biological functions, other biological activities may still be retained. For example, the ability of a deletion variant to induce and/or to bind antibodies which recognize the secreted form will likely be retained when less than the majority of the residues of the secreted form
30 are removed from the N-terminus or C-terminus. Whether a particular polypeptide lacking N- or C-terminal residues of a protein retains such immunogenic activities can readily be determined by routine methods described herein and otherwise known in the art.

- 35 Thus, the invention further includes polypeptide variants which show substantial biological activity. Such variants include deletions, insertions, inversions, repeats, and substitutions selected according to general rules known in the art so as have little effect on activity. For example, guidance concerning how to make

phenotypically silent amino acid substitutions is provided in Bowie, J. U. et al., Science 247:1306-1310 (1990), wherein the authors indicate that there are two main strategies for studying the tolerance of an amino acid sequence to change.

The first strategy exploits the tolerance of amino acid substitutions by natural selection during the process of evolution. By comparing amino acid sequences in different species, conserved amino acids can be identified. These conserved amino acids are likely important for protein function. In contrast, the amino acid positions where substitutions have been tolerated by natural selection indicates that these positions are not critical for protein function. Thus, positions tolerating amino acid substitution could be modified while still maintaining biological activity of the protein.

The second strategy uses genetic engineering to introduce amino acid changes at specific positions of a cloned gene to identify regions critical for protein function. For example, site directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (introduction of single alanine mutations at every residue in the molecule) can be used. (Cunningham and Wells, Science 244:1081-1085 (1989).) The resulting mutant molecules can then be tested for biological activity.

As the authors state, these two strategies have revealed that proteins are surprisingly tolerant of amino acid substitutions. The authors further indicate which amino acid changes are likely to be permissive at certain amino acid positions in the protein. For example, most buried (within the tertiary structure of the protein) amino acid residues require nonpolar side chains, whereas few features of surface side chains are generally conserved. Moreover, tolerated conservative amino acid substitutions involve replacement of the aliphatic or hydrophobic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; replacement of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr; replacement of the acidic residues Asp and Glu; replacement of the amide residues Asn and Gln, replacement of the basic residues Lys, Arg, and His; replacement of the aromatic residues Phe, Tyr, and Trp, and replacement of the small-sized amino acids Ala, Ser, Thr, Met, and Gly.

Besides conservative amino acid substitution, variants of the present invention include (i) substitutions with one or more of the non-conserved amino acid residues, where the substituted amino acid residues may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code, or (ii) substitution with one or more of amino acid residues having a substituent group, or (iii) fusion of the mature polypeptide with another compound, such as a compound to increase the stability and/or solubility of the polypeptide (for example, polyethylene glycol), or (iv) fusion of the polypeptide with additional amino acids, such as an IgG Fc fusion region peptide, or leader or secretory sequence, or a sequence facilitating purification. Such variant polypeptides are deemed to be within the scope of those skilled in the art from the teachings herein.

For example, polypeptide variants containing amino acid substitutions of charged amino acids with other charged or neutral amino acids may produce proteins with improved characteristics, such as less aggregation. Aggregation of pharmaceutical formulations both reduces activity and increases clearance due to the aggregate's immunogenic activity. (Pinckard et al., Clin. Exp. Immunol. 2:331-340 (1967); Robbins et al., Diabetes 36: 838-845 (1987); Cleland et al., Crit. Rev. Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems 10:307-377 (1993).)

Polynucleotide and Polypeptide Fragments

10 In the present invention, a "polynucleotide fragment" refers to a short polynucleotide having a nucleic acid sequence contained in the deposited clone or shown in SEQ ID NO:X. The short nucleotide fragments are preferably at least about 15 nt, and more preferably at least about 20 nt, still more preferably at least about 30 nt, and even more preferably, at least about 40 nt in length. A fragment "at least 20 nt in length," for example, is intended to include 20 or more contiguous bases from the cDNA sequence contained in the deposited clone or the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:X. These nucleotide fragments are useful as diagnostic probes and primers as discussed herein. Of course, larger fragments (e.g., 50, 150, 500, 600, 2000 nucleotides) are preferred.

20 Moreover, representative examples of polynucleotide fragments of the invention, include, for example, fragments having a sequence from about nucleotide number 1-50, 51-100, 101-150, 151-200, 201-250, 251-300, 301-350, 351-400, 401-450, 451-500, 501-550, 551-600, 651-700, and 701 to the end of SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA contained in the deposited clone. In this context "about" includes the particularly recited ranges, larger or smaller by several (5, 4, 3, 2, or 1) nucleotides, at either terminus or at both termini. Preferably, these fragments encode a polypeptide which has biological activity.

In the present invention, a "polypeptide fragment" refers to a short amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:Y or encoded by the cDNA contained in the deposited clone. Protein fragments may be "free-standing," or comprised within a larger polypeptide of which the fragment forms a part or region, most preferably as a single continuous region. Representative examples of polypeptide fragments of the invention, include, for example, fragments from about amino acid number 1-20, 21-40, 41-60, 61-80, 81-100, 102-120, 121-140, 141-160, and 161 to the end of the coding region. Moreover, polypeptide fragments can be about 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, or 150 amino acids in length. In this context "about"

includes the particularly recited ranges, larger or smaller by several (5, 4, 3, 2, or 1) amino acids, at either extreme or at both extremes.

Preferred polypeptide fragments include the secreted protein as well as the mature form. Further preferred polypeptide fragments include the secreted protein or the mature form having a continuous series of deleted residues from the amino or the carboxy terminus, or both. For example, any number of amino acids, ranging from 1-60, can be deleted from the amino terminus of either the secreted polypeptide or the mature form. Similarly, any number of amino acids, ranging from 1-30, can be deleted from the carboxy terminus of the secreted protein or mature form. Furthermore, any combination of the above amino and carboxy terminus deletions are preferred. Similarly, polynucleotide fragments encoding these polypeptide fragments are also preferred.

Also preferred are polypeptide and polynucleotide fragments characterized by structural or functional domains, such as fragments that comprise alpha-helix and alpha-helix forming regions, beta-sheet and beta-sheet-forming regions, turn and turn-forming regions, coil and coil-forming regions, hydrophilic regions, hydrophobic regions, alpha amphipathic regions, beta amphipathic regions, flexible regions, surface-forming regions, substrate binding region, and high antigenic index regions. Polypeptide fragments of SEQ ID NO:Y falling within conserved domains are specifically contemplated by the present invention. Moreover, polynucleotide fragments encoding these domains are also contemplated.

Other preferred fragments are biologically active fragments. Biologically active fragments are those exhibiting activity similar, but not necessarily identical, to an activity of the polypeptide of the present invention. The biological activity of the fragments may include an improved desired activity, or a decreased undesirable activity.

Epitopes & Antibodies

In the present invention, "epitopes" refer to polypeptide fragments having antigenic or immunogenic activity in an animal, especially in a human. A preferred embodiment of the present invention relates to a polypeptide fragment comprising an epitope, as well as the polynucleotide encoding this fragment. A region of a protein molecule to which an antibody can bind is defined as an "antigenic epitope." In contrast, an "immunogenic epitope" is defined as a part of a protein that elicits an antibody response. (See, for instance, Geysen et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:3998- 4002 (1983).)

Fragments which function as epitopes may be produced by any conventional means. (See, e.g., Houghten, R. A., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:5131-5135 (1985) further described in U.S. Patent No. 4,631,211.)

In the present invention, antigenic epitopes preferably contain a sequence of at least seven, more preferably at least nine, and most preferably between about 15 to about 30 amino acids. Antigenic epitopes are useful to raise antibodies, including monoclonal antibodies, that specifically bind the epitope. (See, for instance, Wilson et al., Cell 37:767-778 (1984); Sutcliffe, J. G. et al., Science 219:660-666 (1983).)

Similarly, immunogenic epitopes can be used to induce antibodies according to methods well known in the art. (See, for instance, Sutcliffe et al., supra; Wilson et al., supra; Chow, M. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:910-914; and Bittle, F. J. et al., J. Gen. Virol. 66:2347-2354 (1985).) A preferred immunogenic epitope includes the secreted protein. The immunogenic epitopes may be presented together with a carrier protein, such as an albumin, to an animal system (such as rabbit or mouse) or, if it is long enough (at least about 25 amino acids), without a carrier. However, immunogenic epitopes comprising as few as 8 to 10 amino acids have been shown to be sufficient to raise antibodies capable of binding to, at the very least, linear epitopes in a denatured polypeptide (e.g., in Western blotting.)

As used herein, the term "antibody" (Ab) or "monoclonal antibody" (Mab) is meant to include intact molecules as well as antibody fragments (such as, for example, Fab and F(ab')₂ fragments) which are capable of specifically binding to protein. Fab and F(ab')₂ fragments lack the Fc fragment of intact antibody, clear more rapidly from the circulation, and may have less non-specific tissue binding than an intact antibody. (Wahl et al., J. Nucl. Med. 24:316-325 (1983).) Thus, these fragments are preferred, as well as the products of a FAB or other immunoglobulin expression library. Moreover, antibodies of the present invention include chimeric, single chain, and humanized antibodies.

Fusion Proteins

Any polypeptide of the present invention can be used to generate fusion proteins. For example, the polypeptide of the present invention, when fused to a second protein, can be used as an antigenic tag. Antibodies raised against the polypeptide of the present invention can be used to indirectly detect the second protein by binding to the polypeptide. Moreover, because secreted proteins target cellular locations based on trafficking signals, the polypeptides of the present invention can be used as targeting molecules once fused to other proteins.

Examples of domains that can be fused to polypeptides of the present invention include not only heterologous signal sequences, but also other heterologous functional regions. The fusion does not necessarily need to be direct, but may occur through linker sequences.

5 Moreover, fusion proteins may also be engineered to improve characteristics of the polypeptide of the present invention. For instance, a region of additional amino acids, particularly charged amino acids, may be added to the N-terminus of the polypeptide to improve stability and persistence during purification from the host cell or subsequent handling and storage. Also, peptide moieties may be added to the
10 polypeptide to facilitate purification. Such regions may be removed prior to final preparation of the polypeptide. The addition of peptide moieties to facilitate handling of polypeptides are familiar and routine techniques in the art.

 Moreover, polypeptides of the present invention, including fragments, and specifically epitopes, can be combined with parts of the constant domain of
15 immunoglobulins (IgG), resulting in chimeric polypeptides. These fusion proteins facilitate purification and show an increased half-life in vivo. One reported example describes chimeric proteins consisting of the first two domains of the human CD4-polypeptide and various domains of the constant regions of the heavy or light chains of mammalian immunoglobulins. (EP A 394,827; Traunecker et al., Nature 331:84-86
20 (1988).) Fusion proteins having disulfide-linked dimeric structures (due to the IgG) can also be more efficient in binding and neutralizing other molecules, than the monomeric secreted protein or protein fragment alone. (Fountoulakis et al., J. Biochem. 270:3958-3964 (1995).)

 Similarly, EP-A-O 464 533 (Canadian counterpart 2045869) discloses fusion
25 proteins comprising various portions of constant region of immunoglobulin molecules together with another human protein or part thereof. In many cases, the Fc part in a fusion protein is beneficial in therapy and diagnosis, and thus can result in, for example, improved pharmacokinetic properties. (EP-A 0232 262.) Alternatively, deleting the Fc part after the fusion protein has been expressed, detected, and purified,
30 would be desired. For example, the Fc portion may hinder therapy and diagnosis if the fusion protein is used as an antigen for immunizations. In drug discovery, for example, human proteins, such as hIL-5, have been fused with Fc portions for the purpose of high-throughput screening assays to identify antagonists of hIL-5. (See, D. Bennett et al., J. Molecular Recognition 8:52-58 (1995); K. Johanson et al., J. Biol.
35 Chem. 270:9459-9471 (1995).)

 Moreover, the polypeptides of the present invention can be fused to marker sequences, such as a peptide which facilitates purification of the fused polypeptide. In

preferred embodiments, the marker amino acid sequence is a hexa-histidine peptide, such as the tag provided in a pQE vector (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311), among others, many of which are commercially available. As described in Gentz et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:821-824 (1989), for instance, hexa-histidine provides for convenient purification of the fusion protein. Another peptide tag useful for purification, the "HA" tag, corresponds to an epitope derived from the influenza hemagglutinin protein. (Wilson et al., Cell 37:767 (1984).)

Thus, any of these above fusions can be engineered using the polynucleotides or the polypeptides of the claimed invention.

Vectors, Host Cells, and Protein Production

The present invention also relates to vectors containing the polynucleotide of the present invention, host cells, and the production of polypeptides by recombinant techniques. The vector may be, for example, a phage, plasmid, viral, or retroviral vector. Retroviral vectors may be replication competent or replication defective. In the latter case, viral propagation generally will occur only in complementing host cells.

The polynucleotides may be joined to a vector containing a selectable marker for propagation in a host. Generally, a plasmid vector is introduced in a precipitate, such as a calcium phosphate precipitate, or in a complex with a charged lipid. If the vector is a virus, it may be packaged in vitro using an appropriate packaging cell line and then transduced into host cells.

The polynucleotide insert should be operatively linked to an appropriate promoter, such as the phage lambda PL promoter, the E. coli lac, trp, phoA and tac promoters, the SV40 early and late promoters and promoters of retroviral LTRs, to name a few. Other suitable promoters will be known to the skilled artisan. The expression constructs will further contain sites for transcription initiation, termination, and, in the transcribed region, a ribosome binding site for translation. The coding portion of the transcripts expressed by the constructs will preferably include a translation initiating codon at the beginning and a termination codon (UAA, UGA or UAG) appropriately positioned at the end of the polypeptide to be translated.

As indicated, the expression vectors will preferably include at least one selectable marker. Such markers include dihydrofolate reductase, G418 or neomycin resistance for eukaryotic cell culture and tetracycline, kanamycin or ampicillin resistance genes for culturing in E. coli and other bacteria. Representative examples of appropriate hosts include, but are not limited to, bacterial cells, such as E. coli, Streptomyces and Salmonella typhimurium cells; fungal cells, such as yeast cells; insect cells such as Drosophila S2 and Spodoptera Sf9 cells; animal cells such as CHO, COS,

293, and Bowes melanoma cells; and plant cells. Appropriate culture mediums and conditions for the above-described host cells are known in the art.

Among vectors preferred for use in bacteria include pQE70, pQE60 and pQE-9, available from QIAGEN, Inc.; pBluescript vectors, Phagescript vectors, pNH8A, 5 pNH16a, pNH18A, pNH46A, available from Stratagene Cloning Systems, Inc.; and ptrc99a, pKK223-3, pKK233-3, pDR540, pRIT5 available from Pharmacia Biotech, Inc. Among preferred eukaryotic vectors are pWLNEO, pSV2CAT, pOG44, pXT1 and pSG available from Stratagene; and pSVK3, pBPV, pMSG and pSVL available from Pharmacia. Other suitable vectors will be readily apparent to the skilled artisan.

10 Introduction of the construct into the host cell can be effected by calcium phosphate transfection, DEAE-dextran mediated transfection, cationic lipid-mediated transfection, electroporation, transduction, infection, or other methods. Such methods are described in many standard laboratory manuals, such as Davis et al., Basic Methods In Molecular Biology (1986). It is specifically contemplated that the polypeptides of the 15 present invention may in fact be expressed by a host cell lacking a recombinant vector.

A polypeptide of this invention can be recovered and purified from recombinant cell cultures by well-known methods including ammonium sulfate or ethanol precipitation, acid extraction, anion or cation exchange chromatography, 20 phosphocellulose chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography, affinity chromatography, hydroxylapatite chromatography and lectin chromatography. Most preferably, high performance liquid chromatography ("HPLC") is employed for purification.

Polypeptides of the present invention, and preferably the secreted form, can also be recovered from: products purified from natural sources, including bodily fluids, 25 tissues and cells, whether directly isolated or cultured; products of chemical synthetic procedures; and products produced by recombinant techniques from a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host, including, for example, bacterial, yeast, higher plant, insect, and mammalian cells. Depending upon the host employed in a recombinant production procedure, the polypeptides of the present invention may be glycosylated or may be 30 non-glycosylated. In addition, polypeptides of the invention may also include an initial modified methionine residue, in some cases as a result of host-mediated processes. Thus, it is well known in the art that the N-terminal methionine encoded by the translation initiation codon generally is removed with high efficiency from any protein after translation in all eukaryotic cells. While the N-terminal methionine on most 35 proteins also is efficiently removed in most prokaryotes, for some proteins, this prokaryotic removal process is inefficient, depending on the nature of the amino acid to which the N-terminal methionine is covalently linked.

Uses of the Polynucleotides

Each of the polynucleotides identified herein can be used in numerous ways as reagents. The following description should be considered exemplary and utilizes
5 known techniques.

The polynucleotides of the present invention are useful for chromosome identification. There exists an ongoing need to identify new chromosome markers, since few chromosome marking reagents, based on actual sequence data (repeat polymorphisms), are presently available. Each polynucleotide of the present invention
10 can be used as a chromosome marker.

Briefly, sequences can be mapped to chromosomes by preparing PCR primers (preferably 15-25 bp) from the sequences shown in SEQ ID NO:X. Primers can be selected using computer analysis so that primers do not span more than one predicted exon in the genomic DNA. These primers are then used for PCR screening of somatic
15 cell hybrids containing individual human chromosomes. Only those hybrids containing the human gene corresponding to the SEQ ID NO:X will yield an amplified fragment.

Similarly, somatic hybrids provide a rapid method of PCR mapping the polynucleotides to particular chromosomes. Three or more clones can be assigned per day using a single thermal cycler. Moreover, sublocalization of the polynucleotides can
20 be achieved with panels of specific chromosome fragments. Other gene mapping strategies that can be used include in situ hybridization, prescreening with labeled flow-sorted chromosomes, and preselection by hybridization to construct chromosome specific-cDNA libraries.

Precise chromosomal location of the polynucleotides can also be achieved using
25 fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) of a metaphase chromosomal spread. This technique uses polynucleotides as short as 500 or 600 bases; however, polynucleotides 2,000-4,000 bp are preferred. For a review of this technique, see Verma et al., "Human Chromosomes: a Manual of Basic Techniques," Pergamon Press, New York (1988).

For chromosome mapping, the polynucleotides can be used individually (to
30 mark a single chromosome or a single site on that chromosome) or in panels (for marking multiple sites and/or multiple chromosomes). Preferred polynucleotides correspond to the noncoding regions of the cDNAs because the coding sequences are more likely conserved within gene families, thus increasing the chance of cross
35 hybridization during chromosomal mapping.

Once a polynucleotide has been mapped to a precise chromosomal location, the physical position of the polynucleotide can be used in linkage analysis. Linkage

analysis establishes coinheritance between a chromosomal location and presentation of a particular disease. (Disease mapping data are found, for example, in V. McKusick, Mendelian Inheritance in Man (available on line through Johns Hopkins University Welch Medical Library) .) Assuming 1 megabase mapping resolution and one gene per
5 20 kb, a cDNA precisely localized to a chromosomal region associated with the disease could be one of 50-500 potential causative genes.

Thus, once coinheritance is established, differences in the polynucleotide and the corresponding gene between affected and unaffected individuals can be examined. First, visible structural alterations in the chromosomes, such as deletions or
10 translocations, are examined in chromosome spreads or by PCR. If no structural alterations exist, the presence of point mutations are ascertained. Mutations observed in some or all affected individuals, but not in normal individuals, indicates that the mutation may cause the disease. However, complete sequencing of the polypeptide and the corresponding gene from several normal individuals is required to distinguish the
15 mutation from a polymorphism. If a new polymorphism is identified, this polymorphic polypeptide can be used for further linkage analysis.

Furthermore, increased or decreased expression of the gene in affected individuals as compared to unaffected individuals can be assessed using polynucleotides of the present invention. Any of these alterations (altered expression,
20 chromosomal rearrangement, or mutation) can be used as a diagnostic or prognostic marker.

In addition to the foregoing, a polynucleotide can be used to control gene expression through triple helix formation or antisense DNA or RNA. Both methods rely on binding of the polynucleotide to DNA or RNA. For these techniques, preferred
25 polynucleotides are usually 20 to 40 bases in length and complementary to either the region of the gene involved in transcription (triple helix - see Lee et al., Nucl. Acids Res. 6:3073 (1979); Cooney et al., Science 241:456 (1988); and Dervan et al., Science 251:1360 (1991)) or to the mRNA itself (antisense - Okano, J. Neurochem. 56:560 (1991); Oligodeoxy-nucleotides as Antisense Inhibitors of Gene Expression, CRC
30 Press, Boca Raton, FL (1988).) Triple helix formation optimally results in a shut-off of RNA transcription from DNA, while antisense RNA hybridization blocks translation of an mRNA molecule into polypeptide. Both techniques are effective in model systems, and the information disclosed herein can be used to design antisense or triple helix polynucleotides in an effort to treat disease.

35 Polynucleotides of the present invention are also useful in gene therapy. One goal of gene therapy is to insert a normal gene into an organism having a defective gene, in an effort to correct the genetic defect. The polynucleotides disclosed in the

present invention offer a means of targeting such genetic defects in a highly accurate manner. Another goal is to insert a new gene that was not present in the host genome, thereby producing a new trait in the host cell.

The polynucleotides are also useful for identifying individuals from minute
5 biological samples. The United States military, for example, is considering the use of restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) for identification of its personnel. In this technique, an individual's genomic DNA is digested with one or more restriction enzymes, and probed on a Southern blot to yield unique bands for identifying personnel. This method does not suffer from the current limitations of "Dog Tags"
10 which can be lost, switched, or stolen, making positive identification difficult. The polynucleotides of the present invention can be used as additional DNA markers for RFLP.

The polynucleotides of the present invention can also be used as an alternative to RFLP, by determining the actual base-by-base DNA sequence of selected portions of an
15 individual's genome. These sequences can be used to prepare PCR primers for amplifying and isolating such selected DNA, which can then be sequenced. Using this technique, individuals can be identified because each individual will have a unique set of DNA sequences. Once an unique ID database is established for an individual, positive identification of that individual, living or dead, can be made from extremely
20 small tissue samples.

Forensic biology also benefits from using DNA-based identification techniques as disclosed herein. DNA sequences taken from very small biological samples such as tissues, e.g., hair or skin, or body fluids, e.g., blood, saliva, semen, etc., can be amplified using PCR. In one prior art technique, gene sequences amplified from
25 polymorphic loci, such as DQa class II HLA gene, are used in forensic biology to identify individuals. (Erlich, H., PCR Technology, Freeman and Co. (1992).) Once these specific polymorphic loci are amplified, they are digested with one or more restriction enzymes, yielding an identifying set of bands on a Southern blot probed with DNA corresponding to the DQa class II HLA gene. Similarly, polynucleotides of the
30 present invention can be used as polymorphic markers for forensic purposes.

There is also a need for reagents capable of identifying the source of a particular tissue. Such need arises, for example, in forensics when presented with tissue of unknown origin. Appropriate reagents can comprise, for example, DNA probes or primers specific to particular tissue prepared from the sequences of the present
35 invention. Panels of such reagents can identify tissue by species and/or by organ type. In a similar fashion, these reagents can be used to screen tissue cultures for contamination.

In the very least, the polynucleotides of the present invention can be used as molecular weight markers on Southern gels, as diagnostic probes for the presence of a specific mRNA in a particular cell type, as a probe to "subtract-out" known sequences in the process of discovering novel polynucleotides, for selecting and making oligomers
5 for attachment to a "gene chip" or other support, to raise anti-DNA antibodies using DNA immunization techniques, and as an antigen to elicit an immune response.

Uses of the Polypeptides

Each of the polypeptides identified herein can be used in numerous ways. The
10 following description should be considered exemplary and utilizes known techniques.

A polypeptide of the present invention can be used to assay protein levels in a biological sample using antibody-based techniques. For example, protein expression in tissues can be studied with classical immunohistological methods. (Jalkanen, M., et al., J. Cell. Biol. 101:976-985 (1985); Jalkanen, M., et al., J. Cell . Biol. 105:3087-
15 3096 (1987).) Other antibody-based methods useful for detecting protein gene expression include immunoassays, such as the enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and the radioimmunoassay (RIA). Suitable antibody assay labels are known in the art and include enzyme labels, such as, glucose oxidase, and radioisotopes, such as iodine (125I, 121I), carbon (14C), sulfur (35S), tritium (3H), indium (112In), and
20 technetium (99mTc), and fluorescent labels, such as fluorescein and rhodamine, and biotin.

In addition to assaying secreted protein levels in a biological sample, proteins can also be detected in vivo by imaging. Antibody labels or markers for in vivo imaging of protein include those detectable by X-radiography, NMR or ESR. For X-
25 radiography, suitable labels include radioisotopes such as barium or cesium, which emit detectable radiation but are not overtly harmful to the subject. Suitable markers for NMR and ESR include those with a detectable characteristic spin, such as deuterium, which may be incorporated into the antibody by labeling of nutrients for the relevant hybridoma.

30 A protein-specific antibody or antibody fragment which has been labeled with an appropriate detectable imaging moiety, such as a radioisotope (for example, 131I, 112In, 99mTc), a radio-opaque substance, or a material detectable by nuclear magnetic resonance, is introduced (for example, parenterally, subcutaneously, or intraperitoneally) into the mammal. It will be understood in the art that the size of the
35 subject and the imaging system used will determine the quantity of imaging moiety needed to produce diagnostic images. In the case of a radioisotope moiety, for a human subject, the quantity of radioactivity injected will normally range from about 5 to 20

millicuries of ^{99m}Tc . The labeled antibody or antibody fragment will then preferentially accumulate at the location of cells which contain the specific protein. In vivo tumor imaging is described in S.W. Burchiel et al., "Immunopharmacokinetics of Radiolabeled Antibodies and Their Fragments." (Chapter 13 in Tumor Imaging: The
5 Radiochemical Detection of Cancer, S.W. Burchiel and B. A. Rhodes, eds., Masson Publishing Inc. (1982).)

Thus, the invention provides a diagnostic method of a disorder, which involves (a) assaying the expression of a polypeptide of the present invention in cells or body fluid of an individual; (b) comparing the level of gene expression with a standard gene
10 expression level, whereby an increase or decrease in the assayed polypeptide gene expression level compared to the standard expression level is indicative of a disorder.

Moreover, polypeptides of the present invention can be used to treat disease. For example, patients can be administered a polypeptide of the present invention in an effort to replace absent or decreased levels of the polypeptide (e.g., insulin), to
15 supplement absent or decreased levels of a different polypeptide (e.g., hemoglobin S for hemoglobin B), to inhibit the activity of a polypeptide (e.g., an oncogene), to activate the activity of a polypeptide (e.g., by binding to a receptor), to reduce the activity of a membrane bound receptor by competing with it for free ligand (e.g., soluble TNF receptors used in reducing inflammation), or to bring about a desired
20 response (e.g., blood vessel growth).

Similarly, antibodies directed to a polypeptide of the present invention can also be used to treat disease. For example, administration of an antibody directed to a polypeptide of the present invention can bind and reduce overproduction of the polypeptide. Similarly, administration of an antibody can activate the polypeptide, such
25 as by binding to a polypeptide bound to a membrane (receptor).

At the very least, the polypeptides of the present invention could be used as molecular weight markers on SDS-PAGE gels or on molecular sieve gel filtration columns using methods well known to those of skill in the art. Polypeptides can also be used to raise antibodies, which in turn are used to measure protein expression from a
30 recombinant cell, as a way of assessing transformation of the host cell. Moreover, the polypeptides of the present invention can be used to test the following biological activities.

Biological Activities

35 The polynucleotides and polypeptides of the present invention can be used in assays to test for one or more biological activities. If these polynucleotides and polypeptides do exhibit activity in a particular assay, it is likely that these molecules

may be involved in the diseases associated with the biological activity. Thus, the polynucleotides and polypeptides could be used to treat the associated disease.

Immune Activity

5 A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may be useful in treating deficiencies or disorders of the immune system, by activating or inhibiting the proliferation, differentiation, or mobilization (chemotaxis) of immune cells. Immune cells develop through a process called hematopoiesis, producing myeloid (platelets, red blood cells, neutrophils, and macrophages) and lymphoid (B and T lymphocytes) cells
10 from pluripotent stem cells. The etiology of these immune deficiencies or disorders may be genetic, somatic, such as cancer or some autoimmune disorders, acquired (e.g., by chemotherapy or toxins), or infectious. Moreover, a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention can be used as a marker or detector of a particular immune system disease or disorder.

15 A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may be useful in treating or detecting deficiencies or disorders of hematopoietic cells. A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention could be used to increase differentiation and proliferation of hematopoietic cells, including the pluripotent stem cells, in an effort to treat those disorders associated with a decrease in certain (or many) types hematopoietic
20 cells. Examples of immunologic deficiency syndromes include, but are not limited to: blood protein disorders (e.g. agammaglobulinemia, dysgammaglobulinemia), ataxia telangiectasia, common variable immunodeficiency, Digeorge Syndrome, HIV infection, HTLV-BLV infection, leukocyte adhesion deficiency syndrome, lymphopenia, phagocyte bactericidal dysfunction, severe combined immunodeficiency
25 (SCIDs), Wiskott-Aldrich Disorder, anemia, thrombocytopenia, or hemoglobinuria.

Moreover, a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention could also be used to modulate hemostatic (the stopping of bleeding) or thrombolytic activity (clot formation). For example, by increasing hemostatic or thrombolytic activity, a
30 polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention could be used to treat blood coagulation disorders (e.g., afibrinogenemia, factor deficiencies), blood platelet disorders (e.g. thrombocytopenia), or wounds resulting from trauma, surgery, or other causes. Alternatively, a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention that can decrease hemostatic or thrombolytic activity could be used to inhibit or dissolve clotting. These molecules could be important in the treatment of heart attacks
35 (infarction), strokes, or scarring.

A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may also be useful in treating or detecting autoimmune disorders. Many autoimmune disorders result from

inappropriate recognition of self as foreign material by immune cells. This inappropriate recognition results in an immune response leading to the destruction of the host tissue. Therefore, the administration of a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention that inhibits an immune response, particularly the proliferation, differentiation, or chemotaxis of T-cells, may be an effective therapy in preventing autoimmune disorders.

Examples of autoimmune disorders that can be treated or detected by the present invention include, but are not limited to: Addison's Disease, hemolytic anemia, antiphospholipid syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, dermatitis, allergic encephalomyelitis, glomerulonephritis, Goodpasture's Syndrome, Graves' Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Myasthenia Gravis, Neuritis, Ophthalmia, Bullous Pemphigoid, Pemphigus, Polyendocrinopathies, Purpura, Reiter's Disease, Stiff-Man Syndrome, Autoimmune Thyroiditis, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Autoimmune Pulmonary Inflammation, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease.

Similarly, allergic reactions and conditions, such as asthma (particularly allergic asthma) or other respiratory problems, may also be treated by a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention. Moreover, these molecules can be used to treat anaphylaxis, hypersensitivity to an antigenic molecule, or blood group incompatibility.

A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may also be used to treat and/or prevent organ rejection or graft-versus-host disease (GVHD). Organ rejection occurs by host immune cell destruction of the transplanted tissue through an immune response. Similarly, an immune response is also involved in GVHD, but, in this case, the foreign transplanted immune cells destroy the host tissues. The administration of a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention that inhibits an immune response, particularly the proliferation, differentiation, or chemotaxis of T-cells, may be an effective therapy in preventing organ rejection or GVHD.

Similarly, a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may also be used to modulate inflammation. For example, the polypeptide or polynucleotide may inhibit the proliferation and differentiation of cells involved in an inflammatory response. These molecules can be used to treat inflammatory conditions, both chronic and acute conditions, including inflammation associated with infection (e.g., septic shock, sepsis, or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), ischemia-reperfusion injury, endotoxin lethality, arthritis, complement-mediated hyperacute rejection, nephritis, cytokine or chemokine induced lung injury, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, or resulting from over production of cytokines (e.g., TNF or IL-1.)

Hyperproliferative Disorders

A polypeptide or polynucleotide can be used to treat or detect hyperproliferative disorders, including neoplasms. A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may inhibit the proliferation of the disorder through direct or indirect interactions. Alternatively, a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may proliferate other cells which can inhibit the hyperproliferative disorder.

For example, by increasing an immune response, particularly increasing antigenic qualities of the hyperproliferative disorder or by proliferating, differentiating, or mobilizing T-cells, hyperproliferative disorders can be treated. This immune response may be increased by either enhancing an existing immune response, or by initiating a new immune response. Alternatively, decreasing an immune response may also be a method of treating hyperproliferative disorders, such as a chemotherapeutic agent.

Examples of hyperproliferative disorders that can be treated or detected by a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention include, but are not limited to neoplasms located in the: abdomen, bone, breast, digestive system, liver, pancreas, peritoneum, endocrine glands (adrenal, parathyroid, pituitary, testicles, ovary, thymus, thyroid), eye, head and neck, nervous (central and peripheral), lymphatic system, pelvic, skin, soft tissue, spleen, thoracic, and urogenital.

Similarly, other hyperproliferative disorders can also be treated or detected by a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention. Examples of such hyperproliferative disorders include, but are not limited to: hypergammaglobulinemia, lymphoproliferative disorders, paraproteinemias, purpura, sarcoidosis, Sezary Syndrome, Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia, Gaucher's Disease, histiocytosis, and any other hyperproliferative disease, besides neoplasia, located in an organ system listed above.

Infectious Disease

A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention can be used to treat or detect infectious agents. For example, by increasing the immune response, particularly increasing the proliferation and differentiation of B and/or T cells, infectious diseases may be treated. The immune response may be increased by either enhancing an existing immune response, or by initiating a new immune response. Alternatively, the polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may also directly inhibit the infectious agent, without necessarily eliciting an immune response.

- Viruses are one example of an infectious agent that can cause disease or symptoms that can be treated or detected by a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention. Examples of viruses, include, but are not limited to the following DNA and RNA viral families: Arbovirus, Adenoviridae, Arenaviridae, Arterivirus, Birnaviridae, Bunyaviridae, Caliciviridae, Circoviridae, Coronaviridae, Flaviviridae, Hepadnaviridae (Hepatitis), Herpesviridae (such as, Cytomegalovirus, Herpes Simplex, Herpes Zoster), Mononegavirus (e.g., Paramyxoviridae, Morbillivirus, Rhabdoviridae), Orthomyxoviridae (e.g., Influenza), Papovaviridae, Parvoviridae, Picornaviridae, Poxviridae (such as Smallpox or Vaccinia), Reoviridae (e.g., Rotavirus), Retroviridae (HTLV-I, HTLV-II, Lentivirus), and Togaviridae (e.g., Rubivirus). Viruses falling within these families can cause a variety of diseases or symptoms, including, but not limited to: arthritis, bronchiolitis, encephalitis, eye infections (e.g., conjunctivitis, keratitis), chronic fatigue syndrome, hepatitis (A, B, C, E, Chronic Active, Delta), meningitis, opportunistic infections (e.g., AIDS), pneumonia, Burkitt's Lymphoma, chickenpox, hemorrhagic fever, Measles, Mumps, Parainfluenza, Rabies, the common cold, Polio, leukemia, Rubella, sexually transmitted diseases, skin diseases (e.g., Kaposi's, warts), and viremia. A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention can be used to treat or detect any of these symptoms or diseases.
- Similarly, bacterial or fungal agents that can cause disease or symptoms and that can be treated or detected by a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention include, but not limited to, the following Gram-Negative and Gram-positive bacterial families and fungi: Actinomycetales (e.g., Corynebacterium, Mycobacterium, Norcardia), Aspergillosis, Bacillaceae (e.g., Anthrax, Clostridium), Bacteroidaceae, Blastomycosis, Bordetella, Borrelia, Brucellosis, Candidiasis, Campylobacter, Coccidioidomycosis, Cryptococcosis, Dermatocycoses, Enterobacteriaceae (Klebsiella, Salmonella, Serratia, Yersinia), Erysipelothrix, Helicobacter, Legionellosis, Leptospirosis, Listeria, Mycoplasmatales, Neisseriaceae (e.g., Acinetobacter, Gonorrhea, Meningococcal), Pasteurellaceae Infections (e.g., Actinobacillus, Haemophilus, Pasteurella), Pseudomonas, Rickettsiaceae, Chlamydiaceae, Syphilis, and Staphylococcal. These bacterial or fungal families can cause the following diseases or symptoms, including, but not limited to: bacteremia, endocarditis, eye infections (conjunctivitis, tuberculosis, uveitis), gingivitis, opportunistic infections (e.g., AIDS related infections), paronychia, prosthesis-related infections, Reiter's Disease, respiratory tract infections, such as Whooping Cough or Empyema, sepsis, Lyme Disease, Cat-Scratch Disease, Dysentery, Paratyphoid Fever, food poisoning, Typhoid, pneumonia, Gonorrhea, meningitis, Chlamydia, Syphilis, Diphtheria,

Leprosy, Paratuberculosis, Tuberculosis, Lupus, Botulism, gangrene, tetanus, impetigo, Rheumatic Fever, Scarlet Fever, sexually transmitted diseases, skin diseases (e.g., cellulitis, dermatocycoses), toxemia, urinary tract infections, wound infections. A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention can be used to treat or detect any of these symptoms or diseases.

Moreover, parasitic agents causing disease or symptoms that can be treated or detected by a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention include, but not limited to, the following families: Amebiasis, Babesiosis, Coccidiosis, Cryptosporidiosis, Dientamoebiasis, Dourine, Ectoparasitic, Giardiasis, Helminthiasis, Leishmaniasis, Theileriasis, Toxoplasmosis, Trypanosomiasis, and Trichomonas. These parasites can cause a variety of diseases or symptoms, including, but not limited to: Scabies, Trombiculiasis, eye infections, intestinal disease (e.g., dysentery, giardiasis), liver disease, lung disease, opportunistic infections (e.g., AIDS related), Malaria, pregnancy complications, and toxoplasmosis. A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention can be used to treat or detect any of these symptoms or diseases.

Preferably, treatment using a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention could either be by administering an effective amount of a polypeptide to the patient, or by removing cells from the patient, supplying the cells with a polynucleotide of the present invention, and returning the engineered cells to the patient (ex vivo therapy). Moreover, the polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention can be used as an antigen in a vaccine to raise an immune response against infectious disease.

Regeneration

A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention can be used to differentiate, proliferate, and attract cells, leading to the regeneration of tissues. (See, Science 276:59-87 (1997).) The regeneration of tissues could be used to repair, replace, or protect tissue damaged by congenital defects, trauma (wounds, burns, incisions, or ulcers), age, disease (e.g. osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, periodontal disease, liver failure), surgery, including cosmetic plastic surgery, fibrosis, reperfusion injury, or systemic cytokine damage.

Tissues that could be regenerated using the present invention include organs (e.g., pancreas, liver, intestine, kidney, skin, endothelium), muscle (smooth, skeletal or cardiac), vascular (including vascular endothelium), nervous, hematopoietic, and skeletal (bone, cartilage, tendon, and ligament) tissue. Preferably, regeneration occurs without or decreased scarring. Regeneration also may include angiogenesis.

Moreover, a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may increase regeneration of tissues difficult to heal. For example, increased tendon/ligament regeneration would quicken recovery time after damage. A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention could also be used prophylactically in an effort to
5 avoid damage. Specific diseases that could be treated include of tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, and other tendon or ligament defects. A further example of tissue regeneration of non-healing wounds includes pressure ulcers, ulcers associated with vascular insufficiency, surgical, and traumatic wounds.

Similarly, nerve and brain tissue could also be regenerated by using a
10 polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention to proliferate and differentiate nerve cells. Diseases that could be treated using this method include central and peripheral nervous system diseases, neuropathies, or mechanical and traumatic disorders (e.g., spinal cord disorders, head trauma, cerebrovascular disease, and stroke). Specifically, diseases associated with peripheral nerve injuries, peripheral
15 neuropathy (e.g., resulting from chemotherapy or other medical therapies), localized neuropathies, and central nervous system diseases (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Shy-Drager syndrome), could all be treated using the polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention.

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Chemotaxis

A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may have chemotaxis activity. A chemotactic molecule attracts or mobilizes cells (e.g., monocytes, fibroblasts, neutrophils, T-cells, mast cells, eosinophils, epithelial and/or endothelial
25 cells) to a particular site in the body, such as inflammation, infection, or site of hyperproliferation. The mobilized cells can then fight off and/or heal the particular trauma or abnormality.

A polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may increase chemotactic activity of particular cells. These chemotactic molecules can then be used to
30 treat inflammation, infection, hyperproliferative disorders, or any immune system disorder by increasing the number of cells targeted to a particular location in the body. For example, chemotactic molecules can be used to treat wounds and other trauma to tissues by attracting immune cells to the injured location. Chemotactic molecules of the present invention can also attract fibroblasts, which can be used to treat wounds.

35 It is also contemplated that a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention may inhibit chemotactic activity. These molecules could also be used to treat

disorders. Thus, a polynucleotide or polypeptide of the present invention could be used as an inhibitor of chemotaxis.

Binding Activity

5 A polypeptide of the present invention may be used to screen for molecules that bind to the polypeptide or for molecules to which the polypeptide binds. The binding of the polypeptide and the molecule may activate (agonist), increase, inhibit (antagonist), or decrease activity of the polypeptide or the molecule bound. Examples of such molecules include antibodies, oligonucleotides, proteins (e.g., receptors), or
10 small molecules.

 Preferably, the molecule is closely related to the natural ligand of the polypeptide, e.g., a fragment of the ligand, or a natural substrate, a ligand, a structural or functional mimetic. (See, Coligan et al., Current Protocols in Immunology 1(2):Chapter 5 (1991).) Similarly, the molecule can be closely related to the natural
15 receptor to which the polypeptide binds, or at least, a fragment of the receptor capable of being bound by the polypeptide (e.g., active site). In either case, the molecule can be rationally designed using known techniques.

 Preferably, the screening for these molecules involves producing appropriate cells which express the polypeptide, either as a secreted protein or on the cell
20 membrane. Preferred cells include cells from mammals, yeast, *Drosophila*, or *E. coli*. Cells expressing the polypeptide (or cell membrane containing the expressed polypeptide) are then preferably contacted with a test compound potentially containing the molecule to observe binding, stimulation, or inhibition of activity of either the polypeptide or the molecule.

25 The assay may simply test binding of a candidate compound to the polypeptide, wherein binding is detected by a label, or in an assay involving competition with a labeled competitor. Further, the assay may test whether the candidate compound results in a signal generated by binding to the polypeptide.

 Alternatively, the assay can be carried out using cell-free preparations,
30 polypeptide/molecule affixed to a solid support, chemical libraries, or natural product mixtures. The assay may also simply comprise the steps of mixing a candidate compound with a solution containing a polypeptide, measuring polypeptide/molecule activity or binding, and comparing the polypeptide/molecule activity or binding to a standard.

35 Preferably, an ELISA assay can measure polypeptide level or activity in a sample (e.g., biological sample) using a monoclonal or polyclonal antibody. The

antibody can measure polypeptide level or activity by either binding, directly or indirectly, to the polypeptide or by competing with the polypeptide for a substrate.

All of these above assays can be used as diagnostic or prognostic markers. The molecules discovered using these assays can be used to treat disease or to bring about a particular result in a patient (e.g., blood vessel growth) by activating or inhibiting the polypeptide/molecule. Moreover, the assays can discover agents which may inhibit or enhance the production of the polypeptide from suitably manipulated cells or tissues.

Therefore, the invention includes a method of identifying compounds which bind to a polypeptide of the invention comprising the steps of: (a) incubating a candidate binding compound with a polypeptide of the invention; and (b) determining if binding has occurred. Moreover, the invention includes a method of identifying agonists/antagonists comprising the steps of: (a) incubating a candidate compound with a polypeptide of the invention, (b) assaying a biological activity, and (b) determining if a biological activity of the polypeptide has been altered.

Other Activities

A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may also increase or decrease the differentiation or proliferation of embryonic stem cells, besides, as discussed above, hematopoietic lineage.

A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may also be used to modulate mammalian characteristics, such as body height, weight, hair color, eye color, skin, percentage of adipose tissue, pigmentation, size, and shape (e.g., cosmetic surgery). Similarly, a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may be used to modulate mammalian metabolism affecting catabolism, anabolism, processing, utilization, and storage of energy.

A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may be used to change a mammal's mental state or physical state by influencing biorhythms, cardiac rhythms, depression (including depressive disorders), tendency for violence, tolerance for pain, reproductive capabilities (preferably by Activin or Inhibin-like activity), hormonal or endocrine levels, appetite, libido, memory, stress, or other cognitive qualities.

A polypeptide or polynucleotide of the present invention may also be used as a food additive or preservative, such as to increase or decrease storage capabilities, fat content, lipid, protein, carbohydrate, vitamins, minerals, cofactors or other nutritional components.

Other Preferred Embodiments

Other preferred embodiments of the claimed invention include an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 50 contiguous nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X wherein X is any integer as defined in Table 1.

Also preferred is a nucleic acid molecule wherein said sequence of contiguous nucleotides is included in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X in the range of positions beginning with the nucleotide at about the position of the 5' Nucleotide of the Clone Sequence and ending with the nucleotide at about the position of the 3' Nucleotide of the Clone Sequence as defined for SEQ ID NO:X in Table 1.

Also preferred is a nucleic acid molecule wherein said sequence of contiguous nucleotides is included in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X in the range of positions beginning with the nucleotide at about the position of the 5' Nucleotide of the Start Codon and ending with the nucleotide at about the position of the 3' Nucleotide of the Clone Sequence as defined for SEQ ID NO:X in Table 1.

Similarly preferred is a nucleic acid molecule wherein said sequence of contiguous nucleotides is included in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X in the range of positions beginning with the nucleotide at about the position of the 5' Nucleotide of the First Amino Acid of the Signal Peptide and ending with the nucleotide at about the position of the 3' Nucleotide of the Clone Sequence as defined for SEQ ID NO:X in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 150 contiguous nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X.

Further preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 500 contiguous nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X.

A further preferred embodiment is a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X beginning with the nucleotide at about the position of the 5' Nucleotide of the First Amino Acid of the Signal Peptide and ending with the nucleotide at about the position of the 3' Nucleotide of the Clone Sequence as defined for SEQ ID NO:X in Table 1.

A further preferred embodiment is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to the complete nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a nucleic acid molecule, wherein said nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes does not hybridize under stringent hybridization conditions to a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence consisting of only A residues or of only T residues.

Also preferred is a composition of matter comprising a DNA molecule which comprises a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1, which DNA molecule is contained in the material deposited with the American Type Culture Collection and given the ATCC Deposit Number shown in Table 1 for said cDNA Clone Identifier.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence of a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1, which DNA molecule is contained in the deposit given the ATCC Deposit Number shown in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule, wherein said sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides is included in the nucleotide sequence of the complete open reading frame sequence encoded by said human cDNA clone.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to sequence of at least 150 contiguous nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence encoded by said human cDNA clone.

A further preferred embodiment is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to sequence of at least 500 contiguous nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence encoded by said human cDNA clone.

A further preferred embodiment is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to the complete nucleotide sequence encoded by said human cDNA clone.

A further preferred embodiment is a method for detecting in a biological sample a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X wherein X is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a nucleotide sequence encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1; which method comprises a step of comparing a nucleotide sequence of at least one nucleic acid molecule in said sample with a sequence selected from said group and determining

whether the sequence of said nucleic acid molecule in said sample is at least 95% identical to said selected sequence.

Also preferred is the above method wherein said step of comparing sequences comprises determining the extent of nucleic acid hybridization between nucleic acid molecules in said sample and a nucleic acid molecule comprising said sequence selected from said group. Similarly, also preferred is the above method wherein said step of comparing sequences is performed by comparing the nucleotide sequence determined from a nucleic acid molecule in said sample with said sequence selected from said group. The nucleic acid molecules can comprise DNA molecules or RNA molecules.

10 A further preferred embodiment is a method for identifying the species, tissue or cell type of a biological sample which method comprises a step of detecting nucleic acid molecules in said sample, if any, comprising a nucleotide sequence that is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X wherein X is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a nucleotide sequence encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

20 The method for identifying the species, tissue or cell type of a biological sample can comprise a step of detecting nucleic acid molecules comprising a nucleotide sequence in a panel of at least two nucleotide sequences, wherein at least one sequence in said panel is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in a sequence selected from said group.

Also preferred is a method for diagnosing in a subject a pathological condition associated with abnormal structure or expression of a gene encoding a secreted protein identified in Table 1, which method comprises a step of detecting in a biological sample obtained from said subject nucleic acid molecules, if any, comprising a nucleotide sequence that is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X wherein X is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a nucleotide sequence encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

35 The method for diagnosing a pathological condition can comprise a step of detecting nucleic acid molecules comprising a nucleotide sequence in a panel of at least two nucleotide sequences, wherein at least one sequence in said panel is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in a sequence selected from said group.

Also preferred is a composition of matter comprising isolated nucleic acid molecules wherein the nucleotide sequences of said nucleic acid molecules comprise a panel of at least two nucleotide sequences, wherein at least one sequence in said panel is at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least 50 contiguous nucleotides in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X wherein X is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a nucleotide sequence encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1. The nucleic acid molecules can comprise DNA molecules or RNA molecules.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least about 10 contiguous amino acids in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1.

Also preferred is a polypeptide, wherein said sequence of contiguous amino acids is included in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y in the range of positions beginning with the residue at about the position of the First Amino Acid of the Secreted Portion and ending with the residue at about the Last Amino Acid of the Open Reading Frame as set forth for SEQ ID NO:Y in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 30 contiguous amino acids in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y.

Further preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 100 contiguous amino acids in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y.

Further preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to the complete amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y.

Further preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least about 10 contiguous amino acids in the complete amino acid sequence of a secreted protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is a polypeptide wherein said sequence of contiguous amino acids is included in the amino acid sequence of a secreted portion of the secreted protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 30 contiguous amino acids in the

amino acid sequence of the secreted portion of the protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at
5 least 95% identical to a sequence of at least about 100 contiguous amino acids in the amino acid sequence of the secreted portion of the protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at
10 least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of the secreted portion of the protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Further preferred is an isolated antibody which binds specifically to a
15 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in
20 the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Further preferred is a method for detecting in a biological sample a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1;
25 and a complete amino acid sequence of a protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1; which method comprises a step of comparing an amino acid sequence of at least one polypeptide molecule in said sample with a sequence selected from said group and determining
30 whether the sequence of said polypeptide molecule in said sample is at least 90% identical to said sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids.

Also preferred is the above method wherein said step of comparing an amino acid sequence of at least one polypeptide molecule in said sample with a sequence selected from said group comprises determining the extent of specific binding of
35 polypeptides in said sample to an antibody which binds specifically to a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an

amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

5 Also preferred is the above method wherein said step of comparing sequences is performed by comparing the amino acid sequence determined from a polypeptide molecule in said sample with said sequence selected from said group.

Also preferred is a method for identifying the species, tissue or cell type of a biological sample which method comprises a step of detecting polypeptide molecules in
10 said sample, if any, comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a secreted protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained
15 in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is the above method for identifying the species, tissue or cell type of a biological sample, which method comprises a step of detecting polypeptide molecules comprising an amino acid sequence in a panel of at least two amino acid sequences, wherein at least one sequence in said panel is at least 90% identical to a
20 sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the above group.

Also preferred is a method for diagnosing in a subject a pathological condition associated with abnormal structure or expression of a gene encoding a secreted protein identified in Table 1, which method comprises a step of detecting in a biological sample
25 obtained from said subject polypeptide molecules comprising an amino acid sequence in a panel of at least two amino acid sequences, wherein at least one sequence in said panel is at least 90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid
30 sequence of a secreted protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

In any of these methods, the step of detecting said polypeptide molecules includes using an antibody.

35 Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence that is at least

90% identical to a sequence of at least 10 contiguous amino acids in a sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a secreted protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule, wherein said nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide has been optimized for expression of said polypeptide in a prokaryotic host.

Also preferred is an isolated nucleic acid molecule, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is any integer as defined in Table 1; and a complete amino acid sequence of a secreted protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1.

Further preferred is a method of making a recombinant vector comprising inserting any of the above isolated nucleic acid molecule into a vector. Also preferred is the recombinant vector produced by this method. Also preferred is a method of making a recombinant host cell comprising introducing the vector into a host cell, as well as the recombinant host cell produced by this method.

Also preferred is a method of making an isolated polypeptide comprising culturing this recombinant host cell under conditions such that said polypeptide is expressed and recovering said polypeptide. Also preferred is this method of making an isolated polypeptide, wherein said recombinant host cell is a eukaryotic cell and said polypeptide is a secreted portion of a human secreted protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y beginning with the residue at the position of the First Amino Acid of the Secreted Portion of SEQ ID NO:Y wherein Y is an integer set forth in Table 1 and said position of the First Amino Acid of the Secreted Portion of SEQ ID NO:Y is defined in Table 1; and an amino acid sequence of a secreted portion of a protein encoded by a human cDNA clone identified by a cDNA Clone Identifier in Table 1 and contained in the deposit with the ATCC Deposit Number shown for said cDNA clone in Table 1. The isolated polypeptide produced by this method is also preferred.

Also preferred is a method of treatment of an individual in need of an increased level of a secreted protein activity, which method comprises administering to such an individual a pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of an isolated

polypeptide, polynucleotide, or antibody of the claimed invention effective to increase the level of said protein activity in said individual.

Having generally described the invention, the same will be more readily understood by reference to the following examples, which are provided by way of illustration and are not intended as limiting.

Examples

Example 1: Isolation of a Selected cDNA Clone From the Deposited Sample

Each cDNA clone in a cited ATCC deposit is contained in a plasmid vector. Table 1 identifies the vectors used to construct the cDNA library from which each clone was isolated. In many cases, the vector used to construct the library is a phage vector from which a plasmid has been excised. The table immediately below correlates the related plasmid for each phage vector used in constructing the cDNA library. For example, where a particular clone is identified in Table 1 as being isolated in the vector "Lambda Zap," the corresponding deposited clone is in "pBluescript."

	<u>Vector Used to Construct Library</u>	<u>Corresponding Deposited Plasmid</u>
	Lambda Zap	pBluescript (pBS)
20	Uni-Zap XR	pBluescript (pBS)
	Zap Express	pBK
	lafmid BA	plafmid BA
	pSport1	pSport1
	pCMVSPORT 2.0	pCMVSPORT 2.0
25	pCMVSPORT 3.0	pCMVSPORT 3.0
	pCR [®] 2.1	pCR [®] 2.1

Vectors Lambda Zap (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,128,256 and 5,286,636), Uni-Zap XR (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,128, 256 and 5,286,636), Zap Express (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,128,256 and 5,286,636), pBluescript (pBS) (Short, J. M. et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 16:7583-7600 (1988); Altting-Mees, M. A. and Short, J. M., Nucleic Acids Res. 17:9494 (1989)) and pBK (Altting-Mees, M. A. et al., Strategies 5:58-61 (1992)) are commercially available from Stratagene Cloning Systems, Inc., 11011 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA, 92037. pBS contains an ampicillin resistance gene and pBK contains a neomycin resistance gene. Both can be transformed into E. coli strain XL-1 Blue, also available from Stratagene. pBS comes in 4 forms SK+, SK-, KS+ and KS-. The S and K refers to the orientation of the polylinker to the T7 and T3 primer sequences which flank the polylinker region ("S" is for SacI and "K" is for KpnI which

are the first sites on each respective end of the linker). "+" or "-" refer to the orientation of the f1 origin of replication ("ori"), such that in one orientation, single stranded rescue initiated from the f1 ori generates sense strand DNA and in the other, antisense.

- Vectors pSport1, pCMVSPORT 2.0 and pCMVSPORT 3.0, were obtained from
- 5 Life Technologies, Inc., P. O. Box 6009, Gaithersburg, MD 20897. All Sport vectors contain an ampicillin resistance gene and may be transformed into E. coli strain DH10B, also available from Life Technologies. (See, for instance, Gruber, C. E., et al., Focus 15:59 (1993).) Vector lafmid BA (Bento Soares, Columbia University, NY) contains an ampicillin resistance gene and can be transformed into E. coli strain XL-1
- 10 Blue. Vector pCR[®]2.1, which is available from Invitrogen, 1600 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008, contains an ampicillin resistance gene and may be transformed into E. coli strain DH10B, available from Life Technologies. (See, for instance, Clark, J. M., Nuc. Acids Res. 16:9677-9686 (1988) and Mead, D. et al., Bio/Technology 9: (1991).) Preferably, a polynucleotide of the present invention does not comprise the
- 15 phage vector sequences identified for the particular clone in Table 1, as well as the corresponding plasmid vector sequences designated above.

- The deposited material in the sample assigned the ATCC Deposit Number cited in Table 1 for any given cDNA clone also may contain one or more additional plasmids, each comprising a cDNA clone different from that given clone. Thus, deposits sharing
- 20 the same ATCC Deposit Number contain at least a plasmid for each cDNA clone identified in Table 1. Typically, each ATCC deposit sample cited in Table 1 comprises a mixture of approximately equal amounts (by weight) of about 50 plasmid DNAs, each containing a different cDNA clone; but such a deposit sample may include plasmids for more or less than 50 cDNA clones, up to about 500 cDNA clones.

- 25 Two approaches can be used to isolate a particular clone from the deposited sample of plasmid DNAs cited for that clone in Table 1. First, a plasmid is directly isolated by screening the clones using a polynucleotide probe corresponding to SEQ ID NO:X.

- Particularly, a specific polynucleotide with 30-40 nucleotides is synthesized
- 30 using an Applied Biosystems DNA synthesizer according to the sequence reported. The oligonucleotide is labeled, for instance, with ³²P-γ-ATP using T4 polynucleotide kinase and purified according to routine methods. (E.g., Maniatis et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring, NY (1982).) The plasmid mixture is transformed into a suitable host, as indicated above (such as
- 35 XL-1 Blue (Stratagene)) using techniques known to those of skill in the art, such as those provided by the vector supplier or in related publications or patents cited above.

The transformants are plated on 1.5% agar plates (containing the appropriate selection agent, e.g., ampicillin) to a density of about 150 transformants (colonies) per plate. These plates are screened using Nylon membranes according to routine methods for bacterial colony screening (e.g., Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, 2nd Edit., (1989), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, pages 1.93 to 1.104), or other techniques known to those of skill in the art.

Alternatively, two primers of 17-20 nucleotides derived from both ends of the SEQ ID NO:X (i.e., within the region of SEQ ID NO:X bounded by the 5' NT and the 3' NT of the clone defined in Table 1) are synthesized and used to amplify the desired cDNA using the deposited cDNA plasmid as a template. The polymerase chain reaction is carried out under routine conditions, for instance, in 25 μ l of reaction mixture with 0.5 μ g of the above cDNA template. A convenient reaction mixture is 1.5-5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.01% (w/v) gelatin, 20 μ M each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 25 pmol of each primer and 0.25 Unit of Taq polymerase. Thirty five cycles of PCR (denaturation at 94°C for 1 min; annealing at 55°C for 1 min; elongation at 72°C for 1 min) are performed with a Perkin-Elmer Cetus automated thermal cycler. The amplified product is analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis and the DNA band with expected molecular weight is excised and purified. The PCR product is verified to be the selected sequence by subcloning and sequencing the DNA product.

Several methods are available for the identification of the 5' or 3' non-coding portions of a gene which may not be present in the deposited clone. These methods include but are not limited to, filter probing, clone enrichment using specific probes, and protocols similar or identical to 5' and 3' "RACE" protocols which are well known in the art. For instance, a method similar to 5' RACE is available for generating the missing 5' end of a desired full-length transcript. (Fromont-Racine et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 21(7):1683-1684 (1993).)

Briefly, a specific RNA oligonucleotide is ligated to the 5' ends of a population of RNA presumably containing full-length gene RNA transcripts. A primer set containing a primer specific to the ligated RNA oligonucleotide and a primer specific to a known sequence of the gene of interest is used to PCR amplify the 5' portion of the desired full-length gene. This amplified product may then be sequenced and used to generate the full length gene.

This above method starts with total RNA isolated from the desired source, although poly-A+ RNA can be used. The RNA preparation can then be treated with phosphatase if necessary to eliminate 5' phosphate groups on degraded or damaged RNA which may interfere with the later RNA ligase step. The phosphatase should then

be inactivated and the RNA treated with tobacco acid pyrophosphatase in order to remove the cap structure present at the 5' ends of messenger RNAs. This reaction leaves a 5' phosphate group at the 5' end of the cap cleaved RNA which can then be ligated to an RNA oligonucleotide using T4 RNA ligase.

- 5 This modified RNA preparation is used as a template for first strand cDNA synthesis using a gene specific oligonucleotide. The first strand synthesis reaction is used as a template for PCR amplification of the desired 5' end using a primer specific to the ligated RNA oligonucleotide and a primer specific to the known sequence of the gene of interest. The resultant product is then sequenced and analyzed to confirm that
10 the 5' end sequence belongs to the desired gene.

Example 2: Isolation of Genomic Clones Corresponding to a Polynucleotide

- 15 A human genomic P1 library (Genomic Systems, Inc.) is screened by PCR using primers selected for the cDNA sequence corresponding to SEQ ID NO:X., according to the method described in Example 1. (See also, Sambrook.)

Example 3: Tissue Distribution of Polypeptide

- 20 Tissue distribution of mRNA expression of polynucleotides of the present invention is determined using protocols for Northern blot analysis, described by, among others, Sambrook et al. For example, a cDNA probe produced by the method described in Example 1 is labeled with P³² using the rediprime™ DNA labeling system (Amersham Life Science), according to manufacturer's instructions. After labeling, the probe is purified using CHROMA SPIN-100™ column (Clontech Laboratories, Inc.),
25 according to manufacturer's protocol number PT1200-1. The purified labeled probe is then used to examine various human tissues for mRNA expression.

- 30 Multiple Tissue Northern (MTN) blots containing various human tissues (H) or human immune system tissues (IM) (Clontech) are examined with the labeled probe using ExpressHyb™ hybridization solution (Clontech) according to manufacturer's protocol number PT1190-1. Following hybridization and washing, the blots are mounted and exposed to film at -70°C overnight, and the films developed according to standard procedures.

Example 4: Chromosomal Mapping of the Polynucleotides

- 35 An oligonucleotide primer set is designed according to the sequence at the 5' end of SEQ ID NO:X. This primer preferably spans about 100 nucleotides. This

primer set is then used in a polymerase chain reaction under the following set of conditions : 30 seconds, 95°C; 1 minute, 56°C; 1 minute, 70°C. This cycle is repeated 32 times followed by one 5 minute cycle at 70°C. Human, mouse, and hamster DNA is used as template in addition to a somatic cell hybrid panel containing individual chromosomes or chromosome fragments (Bios, Inc). The reactions is analyzed on either 8% polyacrylamide gels or 3.5 % agarose gels. Chromosome mapping is determined by the presence of an approximately 100 bp PCR fragment in the particular somatic cell hybrid.

10 **Example 5: Bacterial Expression of a Polypeptide**

A polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention is amplified using PCR oligonucleotide primers corresponding to the 5' and 3' ends of the DNA sequence, as outlined in Example 1, to synthesize insertion fragments. The primers used to amplify the cDNA insert should preferably contain restriction sites, such as BamHI and XbaI, at the 5' end of the primers in order to clone the amplified product into the expression vector. For example, BamHI and XbaI correspond to the restriction enzyme sites on the bacterial expression vector pQE-9. (Qiagen, Inc., Chatsworth, CA). This plasmid vector encodes antibiotic resistance (Amp^r), a bacterial origin of replication (ori), an IPTG-regulatable promoter/operator (P/O), a ribosome binding site (RBS), a 6-histidine tag (6-His), and restriction enzyme cloning sites.

The pQE-9 vector is digested with BamHI and XbaI and the amplified fragment is ligated into the pQE-9 vector maintaining the reading frame initiated at the bacterial RBS. The ligation mixture is then used to transform the E. coli strain M15/rep4 (Qiagen, Inc.) which contains multiple copies of the plasmid pREP4, which expresses the lacI repressor and also confers kanamycin resistance (Kan^r). Transformants are identified by their ability to grow on LB plates and ampicillin/kanamycin resistant colonies are selected. Plasmid DNA is isolated and confirmed by restriction analysis.

Clones containing the desired constructs are grown overnight (O/N) in liquid culture in LB media supplemented with both Amp (100 ug/ml) and Kan (25 ug/ml). The O/N culture is used to inoculate a large culture at a ratio of 1:100 to 1:250. The cells are grown to an optical density 600 (O.D.⁶⁰⁰) of between 0.4 and 0.6. IPTG (Isopropyl-B-D-thiogalacto pyranoside) is then added to a final concentration of 1 mM. IPTG induces by inactivating the lacI repressor, clearing the P/O leading to increased gene expression.

Cells are grown for an extra 3 to 4 hours. Cells are then harvested by centrifugation (20 mins at 6000Xg). The cell pellet is solubilized in the chaotropic agent 6 Molar Guanidine HCl by stirring for 3-4 hours at 4°C. The cell debris is removed by centrifugation, and the supernatant containing the polypeptide is loaded onto a nickel-nitrilo-tri-acetic acid ("Ni-NTA") affinity resin column (available from QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*). Proteins with a 6 x His tag bind to the Ni-NTA resin with high affinity and can be purified in a simple one-step procedure (for details see: The QIAexpressionist (1995) QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*).

Briefly, the supernatant is loaded onto the column in 6 M guanidine-HCl, pH 8, the column is first washed with 10 volumes of 6 M guanidine-HCl, pH 8, then washed with 10 volumes of 6 M guanidine-HCl pH 6, and finally the polypeptide is eluted with 6 M guanidine-HCl, pH 5.

The purified protein is then renatured by dialyzing it against phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) or 50 mM Na-acetate, pH 6 buffer plus 200 mM NaCl. Alternatively, the protein can be successfully refolded while immobilized on the Ni-NTA column. The recommended conditions are as follows: renature using a linear 6M-1M urea gradient in 500 mM NaCl, 20% glycerol, 20 mM Tris/HCl pH 7.4, containing protease inhibitors. The renaturation should be performed over a period of 1.5 hours or more. After renaturation the proteins are eluted by the addition of 250 mM imidazole. Imidazole is removed by a final dialyzing step against PBS or 50 mM sodium acetate pH 6 buffer plus 200 mM NaCl. The purified protein is stored at 4°C or frozen at -80°C.

In addition to the above expression vector, the present invention further includes an expression vector comprising phage operator and promoter elements operatively linked to a polynucleotide of the present invention, called pHE4a. (ATCC Accession Number XXXXXX.) This vector contains: 1) a neomycinphosphotransferase gene as a selection marker, 2) an E. coli origin of replication, 3) a T5 phage promoter sequence, 4) two lac operator sequences, 5) a Shine-Delgarno sequence, and 6) the lactose operon repressor gene (*lacIq*). The origin of replication (*oriC*) is derived from pUC19 (LTI, Gaithersburg, MD). The promoter sequence and operator sequences are made synthetically.

DNA can be inserted into the pHEa by restricting the vector with NdeI and XbaI, BamHI, XhoI, or Asp718, running the restricted product on a gel, and isolating the larger fragment (the stuffer fragment should be about 310 base pairs). The DNA insert is generated according to the PCR protocol described in Example 1, using PCR primers having restriction sites for NdeI (5' primer) and XbaI, BamHI, XhoI, or

Asp718 (3' primer). The PCR insert is gel purified and restricted with compatible enzymes. The insert and vector are ligated according to standard protocols.

The engineered vector could easily be substituted in the above protocol to express protein in a bacterial system.

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Example 6: Purification of a Polypeptide from an Inclusion Body

The following alternative method can be used to purify a polypeptide expressed in *E. coli* when it is present in the form of inclusion bodies. Unless otherwise specified, all of the following steps are conducted at 4-10°C.

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Upon completion of the production phase of the *E. coli* fermentation, the cell culture is cooled to 4-10°C and the cells harvested by continuous centrifugation at 15,000 rpm (Heraeus Sepatech). On the basis of the expected yield of protein per unit weight of cell paste and the amount of purified protein required, an appropriate amount of cell paste, by weight, is suspended in a buffer solution containing 100 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA, pH 7.4. The cells are dispersed to a homogeneous suspension using a high shear mixer.

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The cells are then lysed by passing the solution through a microfluidizer (Microfluidics, Corp. or APV Gaulin, Inc.) twice at 4000-6000 psi. The homogenate is then mixed with NaCl solution to a final concentration of 0.5 M NaCl, followed by centrifugation at 7000 xg for 15 min. The resultant pellet is washed again using 0.5M NaCl, 100 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA, pH 7.4.

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The resulting washed inclusion bodies are solubilized with 1.5 M guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) for 2-4 hours. After 7000 xg centrifugation for 15 min., the pellet is discarded and the polypeptide containing supernatant is incubated at 4°C

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overnight to allow further GuHCl extraction.

Following high speed centrifugation (30,000 xg) to remove insoluble particles, the GuHCl solubilized protein is refolded by quickly mixing the GuHCl extract with 20 volumes of buffer containing 50 mM sodium, pH 4.5, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA by vigorous stirring. The refolded diluted protein solution is kept at 4°C without mixing

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for 12 hours prior to further purification steps.

To clarify the refolded polypeptide solution, a previously prepared tangential filtration unit equipped with 0.16 µm membrane filter with appropriate surface area (e.g., Filtron), equilibrated with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 is employed. The filtered sample is loaded onto a cation exchange resin (e.g., Poros HS-50, Perseptive

Biosystems). The column is washed with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 and eluted with 250 mM, 500 mM, 1000 mM, and 1500 mM NaCl in the same buffer, in a stepwise manner. The absorbance at 280 nm of the effluent is continuously monitored. Fractions are collected and further analyzed by SDS-PAGE.

5 Fractions containing the polypeptide are then pooled and mixed with 4 volumes of water. The diluted sample is then loaded onto a previously prepared set of tandem columns of strong anion (Poros HQ-50, Perseptive Biosystems) and weak anion (Poros CM-20, Perseptive Biosystems) exchange resins. The columns are equilibrated with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0. Both columns are washed with 40 mM sodium
10 acetate, pH 6.0, 200 mM NaCl. The CM-20 column is then eluted using a 10 column volume linear gradient ranging from 0.2 M NaCl, 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 to 1.0 M NaCl, 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.5. Fractions are collected under constant A_{280} monitoring of the effluent. Fractions containing the polypeptide (determined, for instance, by 16% SDS-PAGE) are then pooled.

15 The resultant polypeptide should exhibit greater than 95% purity after the above refolding and purification steps. No major contaminant bands should be observed from Commassie blue stained 16% SDS-PAGE gel when 5 μ g of purified protein is loaded. The purified protein can also be tested for endotoxin/LPS contamination, and typically the LPS content is less than 0.1 ng/ml according to LAL assays.

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Example 7: Cloning and Expression of a Polypeptide in a Baculovirus Expression System

In this example, the plasmid shuttle vector pA2 is used to insert a polynucleotide into a baculovirus to express a polypeptide. This expression vector contains the strong
25 polyhedrin promoter of the *Autographa californica* nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcMNPV) followed by convenient restriction sites such as BamHI, Xba I and Asp718. The polyadenylation site of the simian virus 40 ("SV40") is used for efficient polyadenylation. For easy selection of recombinant virus, the plasmid contains the beta-galactosidase gene from *E. coli* under control of a weak *Drosophila* promoter in the
30 same orientation, followed by the polyadenylation signal of the polyhedrin gene. The inserted genes are flanked on both sides by viral sequences for cell-mediated homologous recombination with wild-type viral DNA to generate a viable virus that express the cloned polynucleotide.

Many other baculovirus vectors can be used in place of the vector above, such
35 as pAc373, pVL941, and pAcIM1, as one skilled in the art would readily appreciate, as long as the construct provides appropriately located signals for transcription,

translation, secretion and the like, including a signal peptide and an in-frame AUG as required. Such vectors are described, for instance, in Luckow et al., *Virology* 170:31-39 (1989).

Specifically, the cDNA sequence contained in the deposited clone, including the
5 AUG initiation codon and the naturally associated leader sequence identified in Table 1, is amplified using the PCR protocol described in Example 1. If the naturally occurring signal sequence is used to produce the secreted protein, the pA2 vector does not need a second signal peptide. Alternatively, the vector can be modified (pA2 GP) to include a baculovirus leader sequence, using the standard methods described in Summers et al.,
10 "A Manual of Methods for Baculovirus Vectors and Insect Cell Culture Procedures," Texas Agricultural Experimental Station Bulletin No. 1555 (1987).

The amplified fragment is isolated from a 1% agarose gel using a commercially available kit ("GeneClean," BIO 101 Inc., La Jolla, Ca.). The fragment then is digested with appropriate restriction enzymes and again purified on a 1% agarose gel.

15 The plasmid is digested with the corresponding restriction enzymes and optionally, can be dephosphorylated using calf intestinal phosphatase, using routine procedures known in the art. The DNA is then isolated from a 1% agarose gel using a commercially available kit ("GeneClean" BIO 101 Inc., La Jolla, Ca.).

The fragment and the dephosphorylated plasmid are ligated together with T4
20 DNA ligase. *E. coli* HB101 or other suitable *E. coli* hosts such as XL-1 Blue (Stratagene Cloning Systems, La Jolla, CA) cells are transformed with the ligation mixture and spread on culture plates. Bacteria containing the plasmid are identified by digesting DNA from individual colonies and analyzing the digestion product by gel electrophoresis. The sequence of the cloned fragment is confirmed by DNA
25 sequencing.

Five μ g of a plasmid containing the polynucleotide is co-transfected with 1.0 μ g of a commercially available linearized baculovirus DNA ("BaculoGold™ baculovirus DNA", Pharmingen, San Diego, CA), using the lipofection method described by Felgner et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 84:7413-7417 (1987). One μ g of
30 BaculoGold™ virus DNA and 5 μ g of the plasmid are mixed in a sterile well of a microtiter plate containing 50 μ l of serum-free Grace's medium (Life Technologies Inc., Gaithersburg, MD). Afterwards, 10 μ l Lipofectin plus 90 μ l Grace's medium are added, mixed and incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature. Then the transfection mixture is added drop-wise to Sf9 insect cells (ATCC CRL 1711) seeded in a 35 mm
35 tissue culture plate with 1 ml Grace's medium without serum. The plate is then incubated for 5 hours at 27° C. The transfection solution is then removed from the plate

and 1 ml of Grace's insect medium supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum is added. Cultivation is then continued at 27° C for four days.

After four days the supernatant is collected and a plaque assay is performed, as described by Summers and Smith, *supra*. An agarose gel with "Blue Gal" (Life Technologies Inc., Gaithersburg) is used to allow easy identification and isolation of gal-expressing clones, which produce blue-stained plaques. (A detailed description of a "plaque assay" of this type can also be found in the user's guide for insect cell culture and baculovirology distributed by Life Technologies Inc., Gaithersburg, page 9-10.) After appropriate incubation, blue stained plaques are picked with the tip of a micropipettor (e.g., Eppendorf). The agar containing the recombinant viruses is then resuspended in a microcentrifuge tube containing 200 µl of Grace's medium and the suspension containing the recombinant baculovirus is used to infect Sf9 cells seeded in 35 mm dishes. Four days later the supernatants of these culture dishes are harvested and then they are stored at 4° C.

To verify the expression of the polypeptide, Sf9 cells are grown in Grace's medium supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated FBS. The cells are infected with the recombinant baculovirus containing the polynucleotide at a multiplicity of infection ("MOI") of about 2. If radiolabeled proteins are desired, 6 hours later the medium is removed and is replaced with SF900 II medium minus methionine and cysteine (available from Life Technologies Inc., Rockville, MD). After 42 hours, 5 µCi of ³⁵S-methionine and 5 µCi ³⁵S-cysteine (available from Amersham) are added. The cells are further incubated for 16 hours and then are harvested by centrifugation. The proteins in the supernatant as well as the intracellular proteins are analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by autoradiography (if radiolabeled).

Microsequencing of the amino acid sequence of the amino terminus of purified protein may be used to determine the amino terminal sequence of the produced protein.

Example 8: Expression of a Polypeptide in Mammalian Cells

The polypeptide of the present invention can be expressed in a mammalian cell. A typical mammalian expression vector contains a promoter element, which mediates the initiation of transcription of mRNA, a protein coding sequence, and signals required for the termination of transcription and polyadenylation of the transcript. Additional elements include enhancers, Kozak sequences and intervening sequences flanked by donor and acceptor sites for RNA splicing. Highly efficient transcription is achieved with the early and late promoters from SV40, the long terminal repeats (LTRs) from Retroviruses, e.g., RSV, HTLV, HIV and the early promoter of the cytomegalovirus (CMV). However, cellular elements can also be used (e.g., the human actin promoter).

Suitable expression vectors for use in practicing the present invention include, for example, vectors such as pSVL and pMSG (Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden), pRSVcat (ATCC 37152), pSV2dhfr (ATCC 37146), pBC12MI (ATCC 67109), pCMVSPORT 2.0, and pCMVSPORT 3.0. Mammalian host cells that could be used
5 include, human HeLa, 293, H9 and Jurkat cells, mouse NIH3T3 and C127 cells, Cos 1, Cos 7 and CV1, quail QC1-3 cells, mouse L cells and Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells.

Alternatively, the polypeptide can be expressed in stable cell lines containing the polynucleotide integrated into a chromosome. The co-transfection with a selectable
10 marker such as dhfr, gpt, neomycin, hygromycin allows the identification and isolation of the transfected cells.

The transfected gene can also be amplified to express large amounts of the encoded protein. The DHFR (dihydrofolate reductase) marker is useful in developing cell lines that carry several hundred or even several thousand copies of the gene of
15 interest. (See, e.g., Alt, F. W., et al., J. Biol. Chem. 253:1357-1370 (1978); Hamlin, J. L. and Ma, C., Biochem. et Biophys. Acta, 1097:107-143 (1990); Page, M. J. and Sydenham, M. A., Biotechnology 9:64-68 (1991).) Another useful selection marker is the enzyme glutamine synthase (GS) (Murphy et al., Biochem J. 227:277-279 (1991); Bebbington et al., Bio/Technology 10:169-175 (1992). Using these markers, the
20 mammalian cells are grown in selective medium and the cells with the highest resistance are selected. These cell lines contain the amplified gene(s) integrated into a chromosome. Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) and NSO cells are often used for the production of proteins.

Derivatives of the plasmid pSV2-dhfr (ATCC Accession No. 37146), the
25 expression vectors pC4 (ATCC Accession No. 209646) and pC6 (ATCC Accession No. 209647) contain the strong promoter (LTR) of the Rous Sarcoma Virus (Cullen et al., Molecular and Cellular Biology, 438-447 (March, 1985)) plus a fragment of the CMV-enhancer (Boshart et al., Cell 41:521-530 (1985).) Multiple cloning sites, e.g., with the restriction enzyme cleavage sites BamHI, XbaI and Asp718, facilitate the
30 cloning of the gene of interest. The vectors also contain the 3' intron, the polyadenylation and termination signal of the rat preproinsulin gene, and the mouse DHFR gene under control of the SV40 early promoter.

Specifically, the plasmid pC6, for example, is digested with appropriate restriction enzymes and then dephosphorylated using calf intestinal phosphates by
35 procedures known in the art. The vector is then isolated from a 1% agarose gel.

A polynucleotide of the present invention is amplified according to the protocol outlined in Example 1. If the naturally occurring signal sequence is used to produce the

secreted protein, the vector does not need a second signal peptide. Alternatively, if the naturally occurring signal sequence is not used, the vector can be modified to include a heterologous signal sequence. (See, e.g., WO 96/34891.)

5 The amplified fragment is isolated from a 1% agarose gel using a commercially available kit ("GeneClean," BIO 101 Inc., La Jolla, Ca.). The fragment then is digested with appropriate restriction enzymes and again purified on a 1% agarose gel.

The amplified fragment is then digested with the same restriction enzyme and purified on a 1% agarose gel. The isolated fragment and the dephosphorylated vector are then ligated with T4 DNA ligase. *E. coli* HB101 or XL-1 Blue cells are then
10 transformed and bacteria are identified that contain the fragment inserted into plasmid pC6 using, for instance, restriction enzyme analysis.

Chinese hamster ovary cells lacking an active DHFR gene is used for transfection. Five μ g of the expression plasmid pC6 is cotransfected with 0.5 μ g of the plasmid pSVneo using lipofectin (Felgner et al., *supra*). The plasmid pSV2-neo
15 contains a dominant selectable marker, the *neo* gene from Tn5 encoding an enzyme that confers resistance to a group of antibiotics including G418. The cells are seeded in alpha minus MEM supplemented with 1 mg/ml G418. After 2 days, the cells are trypsinized and seeded in hybridoma cloning plates (Greiner, Germany) in alpha minus MEM supplemented with 10, 25, or 50 ng/ml of methotrexate plus 1 mg/ml G418.
20 After about 10-14 days single clones are trypsinized and then seeded in 6-well petri dishes or 10 ml flasks using different concentrations of methotrexate (50 nM, 100 nM, 200 nM, 400 nM, 800 nM). Clones growing at the highest concentrations of methotrexate are then transferred to new 6-well plates containing even higher concentrations of methotrexate (1 μ M, 2 μ M, 5 μ M, 10 mM, 20 mM). The same
25 procedure is repeated until clones are obtained which grow at a concentration of 100 - 200 μ M. Expression of the desired gene product is analyzed, for instance, by SDS-PAGE and Western blot or by reversed phase HPLC analysis.

Example 9: Protein Fusions

30 The polypeptides of the present invention are preferably fused to other proteins. These fusion proteins can be used for a variety of applications. For example, fusion of the present polypeptides to His-tag, HA-tag, protein A, IgG domains, and maltose binding protein facilitates purification. (See Example 5; see also EP A 394,827; Traunecker, et al., Nature 331:84-86 (1988).) Similarly, fusion to IgG-1, IgG-3, and
35 albumin increases the halflife time in vivo. Nuclear localization signals fused to the polypeptides of the present invention can target the protein to a specific subcellular localization, while covalent heterodimer or homodimers can increase or decrease the

activity of a fusion protein. Fusion proteins can also create chimeric molecules having more than one function. Finally, fusion proteins can increase solubility and/or stability of the fused protein compared to the non-fused protein. All of the types of fusion proteins described above can be made by modifying the following protocol, which
5 outlines the fusion of a polypeptide to an IgG molecule, or the protocol described in Example 5.

Briefly, the human Fc portion of the IgG molecule can be PCR amplified, using primers that span the 5' and 3' ends of the sequence described below. These primers also should have convenient restriction enzyme sites that will facilitate cloning into an
10 expression vector, preferably a mammalian expression vector.

For example, if pC4 (Accession No. 209646) is used, the human Fc portion can be ligated into the BamHI cloning site. Note that the 3' BamHI site should be destroyed. Next, the vector containing the human Fc portion is re-restricted with BamHI, linearizing the vector, and a polynucleotide of the present invention, isolated
15 by the PCR protocol described in Example 1, is ligated into this BamHI site. Note that the polynucleotide is cloned without a stop codon, otherwise a fusion protein will not be produced.

If the naturally occurring signal sequence is used to produce the secreted protein, pC4 does not need a second signal peptide. Alternatively, if the naturally
20 occurring signal sequence is not used, the vector can be modified to include a heterologous signal sequence. (See, e.g., WO 96/34891.)

Human IgG Fc region:

GGGATCCGGAGCCCAAATCTTCTGACAAAACACACATGCCCACCGTGCC
25 CAGCACCTGAATTCGAGGGTGACCGTCAGTCTTCCTCTTCCCCCAAAC
CAAGGACACCCCTCATGATCTCCCGGACTCCTGAGGTCACATGCGTGGTGGT
GGACGTAAGCCACGAAGACCCTGAGGTCAAGTTCAACTGGTACGTGGACG
GCGTGGAGGTGCATAATGCCAAGACAAAGCCGCGGGAGGAGCAGTACAAC
AGCACGTACCGTGTGGTCAGCGTCCTCACCGTCCTGCACCAGGACTGGCTG
30 AATGGCAAGGAGTACAAGTGCAAGGTCTCCAACAAAGCCCTCCCAACCCCC
ATCGAGAAAACCATCTCCAAAGCCAAAGGGCAGCCCCGAGAACCACAGGT
GTACACCCTGCCCCCATCCCGGGATGAGCTGACCAAGAACCAGGTCAGCCT
GACCTGCCTGGTCAAAGGCTTCTATCCAAGCGACATCGCCGTGGAGTGGGA
GAGCAATGGGCAGCCGGAGAACAACACTACAAGACCACGCCTCCCGTGCTGG
35 ACTCCGACGGCTCCTTCTTCCTCTACAGCAAGCTCACCGTGGACAAGAGCA
GGTGGCAGCAGGGGAACGTCTTCTCATGCTCCGTGATGCATGAGGCTCTGC

ACAACCACTACACGCAGAAGAGCCTCTCCCTGTCTCCGGGTAAATGAGTGC
GACGGCCGCGACTCTAGAGGAT (SEQ ID NO:1)

Example 10: Production of an Antibody from a Polypeptide

5 The antibodies of the present invention can be prepared by a variety of methods.
(See, Current Protocols, Chapter 2.) For example, cells expressing a polypeptide of
the present invention is administered to an animal to induce the production of sera
containing polyclonal antibodies. In a preferred method, a preparation of the secreted
protein is prepared and purified to render it substantially free of natural contaminants.
10 Such a preparation is then introduced into an animal in order to produce polyclonal
antisera of greater specific activity.

 In the most preferred method, the antibodies of the present invention are
monoclonal antibodies (or protein binding fragments thereof). Such monoclonal
antibodies can be prepared using hybridoma technology. (Köhler et al., Nature
15 256:495 (1975); Köhler et al., Eur. J. Immunol. 6:511 (1976); Köhler et al., Eur. J.
Immunol. 6:292 (1976); Hammerling et al., in: Monoclonal Antibodies and T-Cell
Hybridomas, Elsevier, N.Y., pp. 563-681 (1981).) In general, such procedures
involve immunizing an animal (preferably a mouse) with polypeptide or, more
preferably, with a secreted polypeptide-expressing cell. Such cells may be cultured in
20 any suitable tissue culture medium; however, it is preferable to culture cells in Earle's
modified Eagle's medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (inactivated at
about 56°C), and supplemented with about 10 g/l of nonessential amino acids, about
1,000 U/ml of penicillin, and about 100 µg/ml of streptomycin.

 The splenocytes of such mice are extracted and fused with a suitable myeloma
25 cell line. Any suitable myeloma cell line may be employed in accordance with the
present invention; however, it is preferable to employ the parent myeloma cell line
(SP2O), available from the ATCC. After fusion, the resulting hybridoma cells are
selectively maintained in HAT medium, and then cloned by limiting dilution as
described by Wands et al. (Gastroenterology 80:225-232 (1981).) The hybridoma cells
30 obtained through such a selection are then assayed to identify clones which secrete
antibodies capable of binding the polypeptide.

 Alternatively, additional antibodies capable of binding to the polypeptide can be
produced in a two-step procedure using anti-idiotypic antibodies. Such a method
makes use of the fact that antibodies are themselves antigens, and therefore, it is
35 possible to obtain an antibody which binds to a second antibody. In accordance with
this method, protein specific antibodies are used to immunize an animal, preferably a

mouse. The splenocytes of such an animal are then used to produce hybridoma cells, and the hybridoma cells are screened to identify clones which produce an antibody whose ability to bind to the protein-specific antibody can be blocked by the polypeptide. Such antibodies comprise anti-idiotypic antibodies to the protein-specific antibody and
5 can be used to immunize an animal to induce formation of further protein-specific antibodies.

It will be appreciated that Fab and F(ab')₂ and other fragments of the antibodies of the present invention may be used according to the methods disclosed herein. Such fragments are typically produced by proteolytic cleavage, using enzymes such as papain
10 (to produce Fab fragments) or pepsin (to produce F(ab')₂ fragments). Alternatively, secreted protein-binding fragments can be produced through the application of recombinant DNA technology or through synthetic chemistry.

For in vivo use of antibodies in humans, it may be preferable to use "humanized" chimeric monoclonal antibodies. Such antibodies can be produced using
15 genetic constructs derived from hybridoma cells producing the monoclonal antibodies described above. Methods for producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art. (See, for review, Morrison, Science 229:1202 (1985); Oi et al., BioTechniques 4:214 (1986); Cabilly et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567; Taniguchi et al., EP 171496; Morrison et al., EP 173494; Neuberger et al., WO 8601533; Robinson et al., WO
20 8702671; Boulianne et al., Nature 312:643 (1984); Neuberger et al., Nature 314:268 (1985).)

Example 11: Production Of Secreted Protein For High-Throughput Screening Assays

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The following protocol produces a supernatant containing a polypeptide to be tested. This supernatant can then be used in the Screening Assays described in Examples 13-20.

First, dilute Poly-D-Lysine (644 587 Boehringer-Mannheim) stock solution
30 (1mg/ml in PBS) 1:20 in PBS (w/o calcium or magnesium 17-516F Biowhittaker) for a working solution of 50ug/ml. Add 200 ul of this solution to each well (24 well plates) and incubate at RT for 20 minutes. Be sure to distribute the solution over each well (note: a 12-channel pipetter may be used with tips on every other channel). Aspirate off the Poly-D-Lysine solution and rinse with 1ml PBS (Phosphate Buffered Saline). The
35 PBS should remain in the well until just prior to plating the cells and plates may be poly-lysine coated in advance for up to two weeks.

Plate 293T cells (do not carry cells past P+20) at 2×10^5 cells/well in .5ml DMEM(Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium)(with 4.5 G/L glucose and L-glutamine (12-604F Biowhittaker))/10% heat inactivated FBS(14-503F Biowhittaker)/1x Penstrep(17-602E Biowhittaker). Let the cells grow overnight.

- 5 The next day, mix together in a sterile solution basin: 300 ul Lipofectamine (18324-012 Gibco/BRL) and 5ml Optimem I (31985070 Gibco/BRL)/96-well plate. With a small volume multi-channel pipetter, aliquot approximately 2ug of an expression vector containing a polynucleotide insert, produced by the methods described in Examples 8 or 9, into an appropriately labeled 96-well round bottom plate. With a
10 multi-channel pipetter, add 50ul of the Lipofectamine/Optimem I mixture to each well. Pipette up and down gently to mix. Incubate at RT 15-45 minutes. After about 20 minutes, use a multi-channel pipetter to add 150ul Optimem I to each well. As a control, one plate of vector DNA lacking an insert should be transfected with each set of transfections.

- 15 Preferably, the transfection should be performed by tag-teaming the following tasks. By tag-teaming, hands on time is cut in half, and the cells do not spend too much time on PBS. First, person A aspirates off the media from four 24-well plates of cells, and then person B rinses each well with .5-1ml PBS. Person A then aspirates off PBS rinse, and person B, using a 12-channel pipetter with tips on every other channel,
20 adds the 200ul of DNA/Lipofectamine/Optimem I complex to the odd wells first, then to the even wells, to each row on the 24-well plates. Incubate at 37°C for 6 hours.

- While cells are incubating, prepare appropriate media, either 1%BSA in DMEM with 1x penstrep, or CHO-5 media (see below) with 2mm glutamine and 1x penstrep. (BSA (81-068-3 Bayer) 100gm dissolved in 1L DMEM for a 10% BSA stock
25 solution). Filter the media and collect 50 ul for endotoxin assay in 15ml polystyrene conical.

- The transfection reaction is terminated, preferably by tag-teaming, at the end of the incubation period. Person A aspirates off the transfection media, while person B adds 1.5ml appropriate media to each well. Incubate at 37°C for 45 or 72 hours
30 depending on the media used: 1%BSA for 45 hours or CHO-5 for 72 hours.

On day four, using a 300ul multichannel pipetter, aliquot 600ul in one 1ml deep well plate and the remaining supernatant into a 2ml deep well. The supernatants from each well can then be used in the assays described in Examples 13-20.

- It is specifically understood that when activity is obtained in any of the assays
35 described below using a supernatant, the activity originates from either the polypeptide directly (e.g., as a secreted protein) or by the polypeptide inducing expression of other

proteins, which are then secreted into the supernatant. Thus, the invention further provides a method of identifying the protein in the supernatant characterized by an activity in a particular assay.

5 HGS-CHO-5 medium formulation:

Inorganic Salts

CaCl ₂ (anhyd)	116.6 mg/L
CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	0.00130
Fe(NO ₃) ₃ ·9H ₂ O	0.050
FeSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	0.417
KCl	311.80
MgCl ₂	28.64
MgSO ₄	48.84
NaCl	6995.50
NaHCO ₃	2400.0
NaH ₂ PO ₄ ·H ₂ O	62.50
Na ₂ HPO ₄	71.02
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	.4320

Lipids

Arachidonic Acid	.002 mg/L
Cholesterol	1.022
DL-alpha-Tocopherol-Acetate	.070
Linoleic Acid	0.0520
Linolenic Acid	0.010
Myristic Acid	0.010
Oleic Acid	0.010
Palmitic Acid	0.010
Palmitic Acid	0.010
Pluronic F-68	100
Stearic Acid	0.010
Tween 80	2.20

10 Carbon Source

D-Glucose	4551 mg/L
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Amino Acids

L- Alanine	130.85 mg/ml
L-Arginine-HCL	147.50
L-Asparagine-H ₂ O	7.50

L-Aspartic Acid	6.65
L-Cystine-2HCL-H ₂ O	29.56
L-Cystine-2HCL	31.29
L-Glutamic Acid	7.35
L-Glutamine	365.0
Glycine	18.75
L-Histidine-HCL-H ₂ O	52.48
L-Isoleucine	106.97
L-Leucine	111.45
L-Lysine HCL	163.75
L-Methionine	32.34
L-Phenylalanine	68.48
L-Proline	40.0
L-Serine	26.25
L-Threonine	101.05
L-Tryptophan	19.22
L-Tyrosine-2Na-2H ₂ O	91.79
L-Valine	99.65

Vitamins

Biotin	0.0035 mg/L
D-Ca Pantothenate	3.24
Choline Chloride	11.78
Folic Acid	4.65
i-Inositol	15.60
Niacinamide	3.02
Pyridoxal HCL	3.00
Pyridoxine HCL	0.031
Riboflavin	0.319
Thiamine HCL	3.17
Thymidine	0.365
Vitamin B ₁₂	0.680

Other Components

HEPES Buffer	25 mM
Na Hypoxanthine	2.39 mg/L
Lipoic Acid	0.105
Sodium Putrescine-2HCL	0.081
Sodium Pyruvate	55.0
Sodium Selenite	0.0067
Ethanolamine	20uM
Ferric Citrate	0.122
Methyl-B-Cyclodextrin complexed with Linoleic Acid	41.70

Methyl-B-Cyclodextrin complexed with Oleic Acid	33.33
Methyl-B-Cyclodextrin complexed with Retinal Acetate	10

Adjust osmolarity to 327 mOsm

Example 12: Construction of GAS Reporter Construct

5 One signal transduction pathway involved in the differentiation and proliferation of cells is called the Jaks-STATs pathway. Activated proteins in the Jaks-STATs pathway bind to gamma activation site "GAS" elements or interferon-sensitive responsive element ("ISRE"), located in the promoter of many genes. The binding of a protein to these elements alter the expression of the associated gene.

10 GAS and ISRE elements are recognized by a class of transcription factors called Signal Transducers and Activators of Transcription, or "STATs." There are six members of the STATs family. Stat1 and Stat3 are present in many cell types, as is Stat2 (as response to IFN-alpha is widespread). Stat4 is more restricted and is not in many cell types though it has been found in T helper class I, cells after treatment with
15 IL-12. Stat5 was originally called mammary growth factor, but has been found at higher concentrations in other cells including myeloid cells. It can be activated in tissue culture cells by many cytokines.

The STATs are activated to translocate from the cytoplasm to the nucleus upon tyrosine phosphorylation by a set of kinases known as the Janus Kinase ("Jaks")
20 family. Jaks represent a distinct family of soluble tyrosine kinases and include Tyk2, Jak1, Jak2, and Jak3. These kinases display significant sequence similarity and are generally catalytically inactive in resting cells.

The Jaks are activated by a wide range of receptors summarized in the Table below. (Adapted from review by Schidler and Darnell, Ann. Rev. Biochem. 64:621-51
25 (1995).) A cytokine receptor family, capable of activating Jaks, is divided into two groups: (a) Class 1 includes receptors for IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-6, IL-7, IL-9, IL-11, IL-12, IL-15, Epo, PRL, GH, G-CSF, GM-CSF, LIF, CNTF, and thrombopoietin; and (b) Class 2 includes IFN-a, IFN-g, and IL-10. The Class 1 receptors share a conserved cysteine motif (a set of four conserved cysteines and one tryptophan) and a
30 WSXWS motif (a membrane proximal region encoding Trp-Ser-Xxx-Trp-Ser (SEQ ID NO:2)).

Thus, on binding of a ligand to a receptor, Jaks are activated, which in turn activate STATs, which then translocate and bind to GAS elements. This entire process is encompassed in the Jaks-STATs signal transduction pathway.

- 5 Therefore, activation of the Jaks-STATs pathway, reflected by the binding of the GAS or the ISRE element, can be used to indicate proteins involved in the proliferation and differentiation of cells. For example, growth factors and cytokines are known to activate the Jaks-STATs pathway. (See Table below.) Thus, by using GAS elements linked to reporter molecules, activators of the Jaks-STATs pathway can be identified.

	<u>Ligand</u>	<u>tyk2</u>	<u>JAKs</u> <u>Jak1</u>	<u>Jak2</u>	<u>Jak3</u>	<u>STATS</u>	<u>GAS(elements) or ISRE</u>
	<u>IFN family</u>						
5	IFN-a/B	+	+	-	-	1,2,3	ISRE
	IFN-g		+	+	-	1	GAS (IRF1>Lys6>IFP)
	IL-10	+	?	?	-	1,3	
	<u>gp130 family</u>						
10	IL-6 (Pleiotrohic)	+	+	+	?	1,3	GAS (IRF1>Lys6>IFP)
	IL-11(Pleiotrohic)	?	+	?	?	1,3	
	OnM(Pleiotrohic)	?	+	+	?	1,3	
	LIF(Pleiotrohic)	?	+	+	?	1,3	
	CNTF(Pleiotrohic)	-/+	+	+	?	1,3	
15	G-CSF(Pleiotrohic)	?	+	?	?	1,3	
	IL-12(Pleiotrohic)	+	-	+	+	1,3	
	<u>g-C family</u>						
20	IL-2 (lymphocytes)	-	+	-	+	1,3,5	GAS
	IL-4 (lymph/myeloid)	-	+	-	+	6	GAS (IRF1 = IFP >>Ly6)(IgH)
	IL-7 (lymphocytes)	-	+	-	+	5	GAS
	IL-9 (lymphocytes)	-	+	-	+	5	GAS
	IL-13 (lymphocyte)	-	+	?	?	6	GAS
25	IL-15	?	+	?	+	5	GAS
	<u>gp140 family</u>						
	IL-3 (myeloid)	-	-	+	-	5	GAS (IRF1>IFP>>Ly6)
	IL-5 (myeloid)	-	-	+	-	5	GAS
30	GM-CSF (myeloid)	-	-	+	-	5	GAS
	<u>Growth hormone family</u>						
	GH	?	-	+	-	5	
	PRL	?	+/-	+	-	1,3,5	
35	EPO	?	-	+	-	5	GAS(B-CAS>IRF1=IFP>>Ly6)
	<u>Receptor Tyrosine Kinases</u>						
	EGF	?	+	+	-	1,3	GAS (IRF1)
	PDGF	?	+	+	-	1,3	
40	CSF-1	?	+	+	-	1,3	GAS (not IRF1)

To construct a synthetic GAS containing promoter element, which is used in the Biological Assays described in Examples 13-14, a PCR based strategy is employed to generate a GAS-SV40 promoter sequence. The 5' primer contains four tandem copies of the GAS binding site found in the IRF1 promoter and previously demonstrated to bind STATs upon induction with a range of cytokines (Rothman et al., Immunity 1:457-468 (1994).), although other GAS or ISRE elements can be used instead. The 5' primer also contains 18bp of sequence complementary to the SV40 early promoter sequence and is flanked with an XhoI site. The sequence of the 5' primer is:
 5':GCGCCTCGAGATTTCCCCGAAATCTAGATTTCCCCGAAATGATTTCCCCG
 AAATGATTTCCCCGAAATATCTGCCATCTCAATTAG:3' (SEQ ID NO:3)

The downstream primer is complementary to the SV40 promoter and is flanked with a Hind III site: 5':GCGGCAAGCTTTTTGCAAAGCCTAGGC:3' (SEQ ID NO:4)

PCR amplification is performed using the SV40 promoter template present in the B-gal:promoter plasmid obtained from Clontech. The resulting PCR fragment is digested with XhoI/Hind III and subcloned into BLSK2-. (Stratagene.) Sequencing with forward and reverse primers confirms that the insert contains the following sequence:
 5':CTCGAGATTTCCCCGAAATCTAGATTTCCCCGAAATGATTTCCCCGAAATG
 ATTTCCCCGAAATATCTGCCATCTCAATTAGTCAGCAACCATAGTCCCCGCC
 CTAATCCGCCCATCCCGCCCTAACTCCGCCAGTTCCGCCATTCTCCGC
 CCCATGGCTGACTAATTTTTTTTATTTATGCAGAGGCCGAGGCCGCCTCGGC
 CTCTGAGCTATTCCAGAAGTAGTGAGGAGGCTTTTTTGGAGGCCTAGGCTTT
 TGCAAAAAGCTT:3' (SEQ ID NO:5)

With this GAS promoter element linked to the SV40 promoter, a GAS:SEAP2 reporter construct is next engineered. Here, the reporter molecule is a secreted alkaline phosphatase, or "SEAP." Clearly, however, any reporter molecule can be instead of SEAP, in this or in any of the other Examples. Well known reporter molecules that can be used instead of SEAP include chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT), luciferase, alkaline phosphatase, B-galactosidase, green fluorescent protein (GFP), or any protein detectable by an antibody.

The above sequence confirmed synthetic GAS-SV40 promoter element is subcloned into the pSEAP-Promoter vector obtained from Clontech using HindIII and XhoI, effectively replacing the SV40 promoter with the amplified GAS:SV40 promoter element, to create the GAS-SEAP vector. However, this vector does not contain a neomycin resistance gene, and therefore, is not preferred for mammalian expression systems.

Thus, in order to generate mammalian stable cell lines expressing the GAS-SEAP reporter, the GAS-SEAP cassette is removed from the GAS-SEAP vector using SalI and NotI, and inserted into a backbone vector containing the neomycin resistance gene, such as pGFP-1 (Clontech), using these restriction sites in the multiple cloning site, to create the GAS-SEAP/Neo vector. Once this vector is transfected into mammalian cells, this vector can then be used as a reporter molecule for GAS binding as described in Examples 13-14.

Other constructs can be made using the above description and replacing GAS with a different promoter sequence. For example, construction of reporter molecules containing NFK-B and EGR promoter sequences are described in Examples 15 and 16. However, many other promoters can be substituted using the protocols described in these Examples. For instance, SRE, IL-2, NFAT, or Osteocalcin promoters can be substituted, alone or in combination (e.g., GAS/NF-KB/EGR, GAS/NF-KB, IL-2/NFAT, or NF-KB/GAS). Similarly, other cell lines can be used to test reporter construct activity, such as HELA (epithelial), HUVEC (endothelial), Reh (B-cell), Saos-2 (osteoblast), HUVAC (aortic), or Cardiomyocyte.

Example 13: High-Throughput Screening Assay for T-cell Activity.

The following protocol is used to assess T-cell activity by identifying factors, such as growth factors and cytokines, that may proliferate or differentiate T-cells. T-cell activity is assessed using the GAS/SEAP/Neo construct produced in Example 12. Thus, factors that increase SEAP activity indicate the ability to activate the Jaks-STATS signal transduction pathway. The T-cell used in this assay is Jurkat T-cells (ATCC Accession No. TIB-152), although Molt-3 cells (ATCC Accession No. CRL-1552) and Molt-4 cells (ATCC Accession No. CRL-1582) cells can also be used.

Jurkat T-cells are lymphoblastic CD4+ Th1 helper cells. In order to generate stable cell lines, approximately 2 million Jurkat cells are transfected with the GAS-SEAP/neo vector using DMRIE-C (Life Technologies)(transfection procedure described below). The transfected cells are seeded to a density of approximately 20,000 cells per well and transfectants resistant to 1 mg/ml gentamicin selected. Resistant colonies are expanded and then tested for their response to increasing concentrations of interferon gamma. The dose response of a selected clone is demonstrated.

Specifically, the following protocol will yield sufficient cells for 75 wells containing 200 ul of cells. Thus, it is either scaled up, or performed in multiple to generate sufficient cells for multiple 96 well plates. Jurkat cells are maintained in RPMI + 10% serum with 1%Pen-Strep. Combine 2.5 mls of OPTI-MEM (Life Technologies)

with 10 ug of plasmid DNA in a T25 flask. Add 2.5 ml OPTI-MEM containing 50 ul of DMRIE-C and incubate at room temperature for 15-45 mins.

- During the incubation period, count cell concentration, spin down the required number of cells (10^7 per transfection), and resuspend in OPTI-MEM to a final
5 concentration of 10^7 cells/ml. Then add 1ml of 1×10^7 cells in OPTI-MEM to T25 flask and incubate at 37°C for 6 hrs. After the incubation, add 10 ml of RPMI + 15% serum.

The Jurkat:GAS-SEAP stable reporter lines are maintained in RPMI + 10% serum, 1 mg/ml Genticin, and 1% Pen-Strep. These cells are treated with supernatants containing a polypeptide as produced by the protocol described in Example 11.

- 10 On the day of treatment with the supernatant, the cells should be washed and resuspended in fresh RPMI + 10% serum to a density of 500,000 cells per ml. The exact number of cells required will depend on the number of supernatants being screened. For one 96 well plate, approximately 10 million cells (for 10 plates, 100 million cells) are required.

- 15 Transfer the cells to a triangular reservoir boat, in order to dispense the cells into a 96 well dish, using a 12 channel pipette. Using a 12 channel pipette, transfer 200 ul of cells into each well (therefore adding 100, 000 cells per well).

- After all the plates have been seeded, 50 ul of the supernatants are transferred directly from the 96 well plate containing the supernatants into each well using a 12
20 channel pipette. In addition, a dose of exogenous interferon gamma (0.1, 1.0, 10 ng) is added to wells H9, H10, and H11 to serve as additional positive controls for the assay.

- The 96 well dishes containing Jurkat cells treated with supernatants are placed in an incubator for 48 hrs (note: this time is variable between 48-72 hrs). 35 ul samples
25 from each well are then transferred to an opaque 96 well plate using a 12 channel pipette. The opaque plates should be covered (using sellophene covers) and stored at -20°C until SEAP assays are performed according to Example 17. The plates containing the remaining treated cells are placed at 4°C and serve as a source of material for repeating the assay on a specific well if desired.

- 30 As a positive control, 100 Unit/ml interferon gamma can be used which is known to activate Jurkat T cells. Over 30 fold induction is typically observed in the positive control wells.

Example 14: High-Throughput Screening Assay Identifying Myeloid Activity

The following protocol is used to assess myeloid activity by identifying factors, such as growth factors and cytokines, that may proliferate or differentiate myeloid cells.

- 5 Myeloid cell activity is assessed using the GAS/SEAP/Neo construct produced in Example 12. Thus, factors that increase SEAP activity indicate the ability to activate the Jaks-STATS signal transduction pathway. The myeloid cell used in this assay is U937, a pre-monocyte cell line, although TF-1, HL60, or KG1 can be used.

- 10 To transiently transfect U937 cells with the GAS/SEAP/Neo construct produced in Example 12, a DEAE-Dextran method (Kharbanda et. al., 1994, Cell Growth & Differentiation, 5:259-265) is used. First, harvest 2×10^7 U937 cells and wash with PBS. The U937 cells are usually grown in RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) supplemented with 100 units/ml penicillin and 100 mg/ml streptomycin.

- 15 Next, suspend the cells in 1 ml of 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4) buffer containing 0.5 mg/ml DEAE-Dextran, 8 ug GAS-SEAP2 plasmid DNA, 140 mM NaCl, 5 mM KCl, 375 uM $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 1 mM MgCl_2 , and 675 uM CaCl_2 . Incubate at 37°C for 45 min.

- 20 Wash the cells with RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% FBS and then resuspend in 10 ml complete medium and incubate at 37°C for 36 hr.

The GAS-SEAP/U937 stable cells are obtained by growing the cells in 400 ug/ml G418. The G418-free medium is used for routine growth but every one to two months, the cells should be re-grown in 400 ug/ml G418 for couple of passages.

- 25 These cells are tested by harvesting 1×10^8 cells (this is enough for ten 96-well plates assay) and wash with PBS. Suspend the cells in 200 ml above described growth medium, with a final density of 5×10^5 cells/ml. Plate 200 ul cells per well in the 96-well plate (or 1×10^5 cells/well).

- 30 Add 50 ul of the supernatant prepared by the protocol described in Example 11. Incubate at 37°C for 48 to 72 hr. As a positive control, 100 Unit/ml interferon gamma can be used which is known to activate U937 cells. Over 30 fold induction is typically observed in the positive control wells. SEAP assay the supernatant according to the protocol described in Example 17.

Example 15: High-Throughput Screening Assay Identifying Neuronal Activity.

When cells undergo differentiation and proliferation, a group of genes are activated through many different signal transduction pathways. One of these genes, EGR1 (early growth response gene 1), is induced in various tissues and cell types upon activation. The promoter of EGR1 is responsible for such induction. Using the EGR1 promoter linked to reporter molecules, activation of cells can be assessed.

Particularly, the following protocol is used to assess neuronal activity in PC12 cell lines. PC12 cells (rat phenochromocytoma cells) are known to proliferate and/or differentiate by activation with a number of mitogens, such as TPA (tetradecanoyl phorbol acetate), NGF (nerve growth factor), and EGF (epidermal growth factor). The EGR1 gene expression is activated during this treatment. Thus, by stably transfecting PC12 cells with a construct containing an EGR promoter linked to SEAP reporter, activation of PC12 cells can be assessed.

The EGR/SEAP reporter construct can be assembled by the following protocol. The EGR-1 promoter sequence (-633 to +1)(Sakamoto K et al., Oncogene 6:867-871 (1991)) can be PCR amplified from human genomic DNA using the following primers:

5' GCGCTCGAGGGATGACAGCGATAGAACCCCGG -3' (SEQ ID NO:6)

5' GCGAAGCTTCGCGACTCCCCGGATCCGCCTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:7)

Using the GAS:SEAP/Neo vector produced in Example 12, EGR1 amplified product can then be inserted into this vector. Linearize the GAS:SEAP/Neo vector using restriction enzymes XhoI/HindIII, removing the GAS/SV40 stuffer. Restrict the EGR1 amplified product with these same enzymes. Ligate the vector and the EGR1 promoter.

To prepare 96 well-plates for cell culture, two mls of a coating solution (1:30 dilution of collagen type I (Upstate Biotech Inc. Cat#08-115) in 30% ethanol (filter sterilized)) is added per one 10 cm plate or 50 ml per well of the 96-well plate, and allowed to air dry for 2 hr.

PC12 cells are routinely grown in RPMI-1640 medium (Bio Whittaker) containing 10% horse serum (JRH BIOSCIENCES, Cat. # 12449-78P), 5% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) supplemented with 100 units/ml penicillin and 100 ug/ml streptomycin on a precoated 10 cm tissue culture dish. One to four split is done every three to four days. Cells are removed from the plates by scraping and resuspended with pipetting up and down for more than 15 times.

Transfect the EGR/SEAP/Neo construct into PC12 using the Lipofectamine protocol described in Example 11. EGR-SEAP/PC12 stable cells are obtained by growing the cells in 300 ug/ml G418. The G418-free medium is used for routine growth but every one to two months, the cells should be re-grown in 300 ug/ml G418 for couple of passages.

To assay for neuronal activity, a 10 cm plate with cells around 70 to 80% confluent is screened by removing the old medium. Wash the cells once with PBS (Phosphate buffered saline). Then starve the cells in low serum medium (RPMI-1640 containing 1% horse serum and 0.5% FBS with antibiotics) overnight.

- 5 The next morning, remove the medium and wash the cells with PBS. Scrape off the cells from the plate, suspend the cells well in 2 ml low serum medium. Count the cell number and add more low serum medium to reach final cell density as 5×10^5 cells/ml.

- 10 Add 200 μ l of the cell suspension to each well of 96-well plate (equivalent to 1×10^5 cells/well). Add 50 μ l supernatant produced by Example 11, 37°C for 48 to 72 hr. As a positive control, a growth factor known to activate PC12 cells through EGR can be used, such as 50 ng/ μ l of Neuronal Growth Factor (NGF). Over fifty-fold induction of SEAP is typically seen in the positive control wells. SEAP assay the supernatant according to Example 17.

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Example 16: High-Throughput Screening Assay for T-cell Activity

- NF- κ B (Nuclear Factor κ B) is a transcription factor activated by a wide variety of agents including the inflammatory cytokines IL-1 and TNF, CD30 and CD40, lymphotoxin-alpha and lymphotoxin-beta, by exposure to LPS or thrombin, and by
20 expression of certain viral gene products. As a transcription factor, NF- κ B regulates the expression of genes involved in immune cell activation, control of apoptosis (NF- κ B appears to shield cells from apoptosis), B and T-cell development, anti-viral and antimicrobial responses, and multiple stress responses.

- In non-stimulated conditions, NF- κ B is retained in the cytoplasm with I- κ B
25 (Inhibitor κ B). However, upon stimulation, I- κ B is phosphorylated and degraded, causing NF- κ B to shuttle to the nucleus, thereby activating transcription of target genes. Target genes activated by NF- κ B include IL-2, IL-6, GM-CSF, ICAM-1 and class I MHC.

- Due to its central role and ability to respond to a range of stimuli, reporter
30 constructs utilizing the NF- κ B promoter element are used to screen the supernatants produced in Example 11. Activators or inhibitors of NF- κ B would be useful in treating

diseases. For example, inhibitors of NF- κ B could be used to treat those diseases related to the acute or chronic activation of NF- κ B, such as rheumatoid arthritis.

To construct a vector containing the NF- κ B promoter element, a PCR based strategy is employed. The upstream primer contains four tandem copies of the NF- κ B binding site (GGGGACTTTCCC) (SEQ ID NO:8), 18 bp of sequence complementary to the 5' end of the SV40 early promoter sequence, and is flanked with an XhoI site:
5':GCGGCCTCGAGGGGACTTTCCCGGGGACTTTCCGGGGACTTTCCGGGAC
TTTCCATCCTGCCATCTCAATTAG:3' (SEQ ID NO:9)

The downstream primer is complementary to the 3' end of the SV40 promoter and is flanked with a Hind III site:
5':GCGGCAAGCTTTTTGCAAAGCCTAGGC:3' (SEQ ID NO:4)

PCR amplification is performed using the SV40 promoter template present in the pB-gal:promoter plasmid obtained from Clontech. The resulting PCR fragment is digested with XhoI and Hind III and subcloned into BLSK2-. (Stratagene)
Sequencing with the T7 and T3 primers confirms the insert contains the following sequence:

5':CTCGAGGGGACTTTCCCGGGGACTTTCCGGGGACTTTCCGGGACTTTCC
ATCTGCCATCTCAATTAGTCAGCAACCATAGTCCCGCCCCTAACTCCGCCCA
TCCCGCCCCTAACTCCGCCAGTTCCGCCCATTTCTCCGCCCCATGGCTGACT
AATTTTTTTTATTTATGCAGAGGCCGAGGCCGCCTCGGCCTCTGAGCTATTC
CAGAAGTAGTGAGGAGGCTTTTTTGGAGGCCTAGGCTTTTGCAAAAAGCTT:
3' (SEQ ID NO:10)

Next, replace the SV40 minimal promoter element present in the pSEAP2-promoter plasmid (Clontech) with this NF- κ B/SV40 fragment using XhoI and HindIII. However, this vector does not contain a neomycin resistance gene, and therefore, is not preferred for mammalian expression systems.

In order to generate stable mammalian cell lines, the NF- κ B/SV40/SEAP cassette is removed from the above NF- κ B/SEAP vector using restriction enzymes SalI and NotI, and inserted into a vector containing neomycin resistance. Particularly, the NF- κ B/SV40/SEAP cassette was inserted into pGFP-1 (Clontech), replacing the GFP gene, after restricting pGFP-1 with SalI and NotI.

Once NF- κ B/SV40/SEAP/Neo vector is created, stable Jurkat T-cells are created and maintained according to the protocol described in Example 13. Similarly, the method for assaying supernatants with these stable Jurkat T-cells is also described in Example 13. As a positive control, exogenous TNF alpha (0.1, 1, 10 ng) is added to wells H9, H10, and H11, with a 5-10 fold activation typically observed.

Example 17: Assay for SEAP Activity

As a reporter molecule for the assays described in Examples 13-16, SEAP activity is assayed using the Tropix Phospho-light Kit (Cat. BP-400) according to the following general procedure. The Tropix Phospho-light Kit supplies the Dilution, Assay, and Reaction Buffers used below.

Prime a dispenser with the 2.5x Dilution Buffer and dispense 15 μ l of 2.5x dilution buffer into Optiplates containing 35 μ l of a supernatant. Seal the plates with a plastic sealer and incubate at 65°C for 30 min. Separate the Optiplates to avoid uneven heating.

Cool the samples to room temperature for 15 minutes. Empty the dispenser and prime with the Assay Buffer. Add 50 μ l Assay Buffer and incubate at room temperature 5 min. Empty the dispenser and prime with the Reaction Buffer (see the table below). Add 50 μ l Reaction Buffer and incubate at room temperature for 20 minutes. Since the intensity of the chemiluminescent signal is time dependent, and it takes about 10 minutes to read 5 plates on luminometer, one should treat 5 plates at each time and start the second set 10 minutes later.

Read the relative light unit in the luminometer. Set H12 as blank, and print the results. An increase in chemiluminescence indicates reporter activity.

Reaction Buffer Formulation:

# of plates	Rxn buffer diluent (ml)	CSPD (ml)
10	60	3
11	65	3.25
12	70	3.5
13	75	3.75
14	80	4
15	85	4.25
16	90	4.5
17	95	4.75
18	100	5
19	105	5.25
20	110	5.5
21	115	5.75
22	120	6

23	125	6.25
24	130	6.5
25	135	6.75
26	140	7
27	145	7.25
28	150	7.5
29	155	7.75
30	160	8
31	165	8.25
32	170	8.5
33	175	8.75
34	180	9
35	185	9.25
36	190	9.5
37	195	9.75
38	200	10
39	205	10.25
40	210	10.5
41	215	10.75
42	220	11
43	225	11.25
44	230	11.5
45	235	11.75
46	240	12
47	245	12.25
48	250	12.5
49	255	12.75
50	260	13

Example 18: High-Throughput Screening Assay Identifying Changes in Small Molecule Concentration and Membrane Permeability

Binding of a ligand to a receptor is known to alter intracellular levels of small molecules, such as calcium, potassium, sodium, and pH, as well as alter membrane potential. These alterations can be measured in an assay to identify supernatants which bind to receptors of a particular cell. Although the following protocol describes an assay for calcium, this protocol can easily be modified to detect changes in potassium, sodium, pH, membrane potential, or any other small molecule which is detectable by a fluorescent probe.

The following assay uses Fluorometric Imaging Plate Reader ("FLIPR") to measure changes in fluorescent molecules (Molecular Probes) that bind small molecules. Clearly, any fluorescent molecule detecting a small molecule can be used instead of the calcium fluorescent molecule, fluo-3, used here.

For adherent cells, seed the cells at 10,000 -20,000 cells/well in a Co-star black 96-well plate with clear bottom. The plate is incubated in a CO₂ incubator for 20 hours. The adherent cells are washed two times in Biotek washer with 200 ul of HBSS (Hank's Balanced Salt Solution) leaving 100 ul of buffer after the final wash.

A stock solution of 1 mg/ml fluo-3 is made in 10% pluronic acid DMSO. To load the cells with fluo-3, 50 ul of 12 ug/ml fluo-3 is added to each well. The plate is incubated at 37°C in a CO₂ incubator for 60 min. The plate is washed four times in the Biotek washer with HBSS leaving 100 ul of buffer.

- 5 For non-adherent cells, the cells are spun down from culture media. Cells are re-suspended to 2-5x10⁶ cells/ml with HBSS in a 50-ml conical tube. 4 ul of 1 mg/ml fluo-3 solution in 10% pluronic acid DMSO is added to each ml of cell suspension. The tube is then placed in a 37°C water bath for 30-60 min. The cells are washed twice with HBSS, resuspended to 1x10⁶ cells/ml, and dispensed into a microplate, 100
10 ul/well. The plate is centrifuged at 1000 rpm for 5 min. The plate is then washed once in Denley CellWash with 200 ul, followed by an aspiration step to 100 ul final volume.

For a non-cell based assay, each well contains a fluorescent molecule, such as fluo-3. The supernatant is added to the well, and a change in fluorescence is detected.

- To measure the fluorescence of intracellular calcium, the FLIPR is set for the
15 following parameters: (1) System gain is 300-800 mW; (2) Exposure time is 0.4 second; (3) Camera F/stop is F/2; (4) Excitation is 488 nm; (5) Emission is 530 nm; and (6) Sample addition is 50 ul. Increased emission at 530 nm indicates an extracellular signaling even which has resulted in an increase in the intracellular Ca⁺⁺
concentration.

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Example 19: High-Throughput Screening Assay Identifying Tyrosine Kinase Activity

- The Protein Tyrosine Kinases (PTK) represent a diverse group of transmembrane and cytoplasmic kinases. Within the Receptor Protein Tyrosine Kinase
25 RPTK) group are receptors for a range of mitogenic and metabolic growth factors including the PDGF, FGF, EGF, NGF, HGF and Insulin receptor subfamilies. In addition there are a large family of RPTKs for which the corresponding ligand is unknown. Ligands for RPTKs include mainly secreted small proteins, but also membrane-bound and extracellular matrix proteins.

- 30 Activation of RPTK by ligands involves ligand-mediated receptor dimerization, resulting in transphosphorylation of the receptor subunits and activation of the cytoplasmic tyrosine kinases. The cytoplasmic tyrosine kinases include receptor associated tyrosine kinases of the src-family (e.g., src, yes, lck, lyn, fyn) and non-receptor linked and cytosolic protein tyrosine kinases, such as the Jak family, members
35 of which mediate signal transduction triggered by the cytokine superfamily of receptors (e.g., the Interleukins, Interferons, GM-CSF, and Leptin).

Because of the wide range of known factors capable of stimulating tyrosine kinase activity, the identification of novel human secreted proteins capable of activating tyrosine kinase signal transduction pathways are of interest. Therefore, the following protocol is designed to identify those novel human secreted proteins capable of activating the tyrosine kinase signal transduction pathways.

Seed target cells (e.g., primary keratinocytes) at a density of approximately 25,000 cells per well in a 96 well Loprodyne Silent Screen Plates purchased from Nalge Nunc (Naperville, IL). The plates are sterilized with two 30 minute rinses with 100% ethanol, rinsed with water and dried overnight. Some plates are coated for 2 hr with 100 ml of cell culture grade type I collagen (50 mg/ml), gelatin (2%) or polylysine (50 mg/ml), all of which can be purchased from Sigma Chemicals (St. Louis, MO) or 10% Matrigel purchased from Becton Dickinson (Bedford, MA), or calf serum, rinsed with PBS and stored at 4°C. Cell growth on these plates is assayed by seeding 5,000 cells/well in growth medium and indirect quantitation of cell number through use of alamarBlue as described by the manufacturer Alamar Biosciences, Inc. (Sacramento, CA) after 48 hr. Falcon plate covers #3071 from Becton Dickinson (Bedford, MA) are used to cover the Loprodyne Silent Screen Plates. Falcon Microtest III cell culture plates can also be used in some proliferation experiments.

To prepare extracts, A431 cells are seeded onto the nylon membranes of Loprodyne plates (20,000/200ml/well) and cultured overnight in complete medium. Cells are quiesced by incubation in serum-free basal medium for 24 hr. After 5-20 minutes treatment with EGF (60ng/ml) or 50 ul of the supernatant produced in Example 11, the medium was removed and 100 ml of extraction buffer ((20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 0.15 M NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% SDS, 2 mM Na₃VO₄, 2 mM Na₄P₂O₇ and a cocktail of protease inhibitors (# 1836170) obtained from Boehringer Mannheim (Indianapolis, IN) is added to each well and the plate is shaken on a rotating shaker for 5 minutes at 4°C. The plate is then placed in a vacuum transfer manifold and the extract filtered through the 0.45 mm membrane bottoms of each well using house vacuum. Extracts are collected in a 96-well catch/assay plate in the bottom of the vacuum manifold and immediately placed on ice. To obtain extracts clarified by centrifugation, the content of each well, after detergent solubilization for 5 minutes, is removed and centrifuged for 15 minutes at 4°C at 16,000 x g.

Test the filtered extracts for levels of tyrosine kinase activity. Although many methods of detecting tyrosine kinase activity are known, one method is described here.

Generally, the tyrosine kinase activity of a supernatant is evaluated by determining its ability to phosphorylate a tyrosine residue on a specific substrate (a

biotinylated peptide). Biotinylated peptides that can be used for this purpose include PSK1 (corresponding to amino acids 6-20 of the cell division kinase cdc2-p34) and PSK2 (corresponding to amino acids 1-17 of gastrin). Both peptides are substrates for a range of tyrosine kinases and are available from Boehringer Mannheim.

- 5 The tyrosine kinase reaction is set up by adding the following components in order. First, add 10ul of 5uM Biotinylated Peptide, then 10ul ATP/Mg₂₊ (5mM ATP/50mM MgCl₂), then 10ul of 5x Assay Buffer (40mM imidazole hydrochloride, pH7.3, 40 mM beta-glycerophosphate, 1mM EGTA, 100mM MgCl₂, 5 mM MnCl₂, 0.5 mg/ml BSA), then 5ul of Sodium Vanadate(1mM), and then 5ul of water. Mix the
- 10 components gently and preincubate the reaction mix at 30°C for 2 min. Initiate the reaction by adding 10ul of the control enzyme or the filtered supernatant.

The tyrosine kinase assay reaction is then terminated by adding 10 ul of 120mM EDTA and place the reactions on ice.

- Tyrosine kinase activity is determined by transferring 50 ul aliquot of reaction
- 15 mixture to a microtiter plate (MTP) module and incubating at 37°C for 20 min. This allows the streptavidin coated 96 well plate to associate with the biotinylated peptide. Wash the MTP module with 300ul/well of PBS four times. Next add 75 ul of anti-phosphotyrosine antibody conjugated to horse radish peroxidase(anti-P-Tyr-POD(0.5u/ml)) to each well and incubate at 37°C for one hour. Wash the well as
- 20 above.

- Next add 100ul of peroxidase substrate solution (Boehringer Mannheim) and incubate at room temperature for at least 5 mins (up to 30 min). Measure the absorbance of the sample at 405 nm by using ELISA reader. The level of bound peroxidase activity is quantitated using an ELISA reader and reflects the level of
- 25 tyrosine kinase activity.

Example 20: High-Throughput Screening Assay Identifying Phosphorylation Activity

- As a potential alternative and/or complement to the assay of protein tyrosine
- 30 kinase activity described in Example 19, an assay which detects activation (phosphorylation) of major intracellular signal transduction intermediates can also be used. For example, as described below one particular assay can detect tyrosine phosphorylation of the Erk-1 and Erk-2 kinases. However, phosphorylation of other molecules, such as Raf, JNK, p38 MAP, Map kinase kinase (MEK), MEK kinase,
- 35 Src, Muscle specific kinase (MuSK), IRAK, Tec, and Janus, as well as any other

phosphoserine, phosphotyrosine, or phosphothreonine molecule, can be detected by substituting these molecules for Erk-1 or Erk-2 in the following assay.

Specifically, assay plates are made by coating the wells of a 96-well ELISA plate with 0.1ml of protein G (1ug/ml) for 2 hr at room temp, (RT). The plates are then
5 rinsed with PBS and blocked with 3% BSA/PBS for 1 hr at RT. The protein G plates are then treated with 2 commercial monoclonal antibodies (100ng/well) against Erk-1 and Erk-2 (1 hr at RT) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology). (To detect other molecules, this step can easily be modified by substituting a monoclonal antibody detecting any of the above described molecules.) After 3-5 rinses with PBS, the plates are stored at 4°C
10 until use.

A431 cells are seeded at 20,000/well in a 96-well Loprodyne filterplate and cultured overnight in growth medium. The cells are then starved for 48 hr in basal medium (DMEM) and then treated with EGF (6ng/well) or 50 ul of the supernatants obtained in Example 11 for 5-20 minutes. The cells are then solubilized and extracts
15 filtered directly into the assay plate.

After incubation with the extract for 1 hr at RT, the wells are again rinsed. As a positive control, a commercial preparation of MAP kinase (10ng/well) is used in place of A431 extract. Plates are then treated with a commercial polyclonal (rabbit) antibody (1ug/ml) which specifically recognizes the phosphorylated epitope of the Erk-1 and
20 Erk-2 kinases (1 hr at RT). This antibody is biotinylated by standard procedures. The bound polyclonal antibody is then quantitated by successive incubations with Europium-streptavidin and Europium fluorescence enhancing reagent in the Wallac DELFIA instrument (time-resolved fluorescence). An increased fluorescent signal over background indicates a phosphorylation.

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Example 21: Method of Determining Alterations in a Gene Corresponding to a Polynucleotide

RNA isolated from entire families or individual patients presenting with a phenotype of interest (such as a disease) is be isolated. cDNA is then generated from
30 these RNA samples using protocols known in the art. (See, Sambrook.) The cDNA is then used as a template for PCR, employing primers surrounding regions of interest in SEQ ID NO:X. Suggested PCR conditions consist of 35 cycles at 95°C for 30 seconds; 60-120 seconds at 52-58°C; and 60-120 seconds at 70°C, using buffer solutions described in Sidransky, D., et al., Science 252:706 (1991).

35 PCR products is then sequenced using primers labeled at their 5' end with T4 polynucleotide kinase, employing SequiTherm Polymerase. (Epicentre Technologies).

The intron-exon borders of selected exons is also determined and genomic PCR products analyzed to confirm the results. PCR products harboring suspected mutations is then cloned and sequenced to validate the results of the direct sequencing.

5 PCR products is cloned into T-tailed vectors as described in Holton, T.A. and Graham, M.W., Nucleic Acids Research, 19:1156 (1991) and sequenced with T7 polymerase (United States Biochemical). Affected individuals is identified by mutations not present in unaffected individuals.

10 Genomic rearrangements are also observed as a method of determining alterations in a gene corresponding to a polynucleotide. Genomic clones isolated according to Example 2 are nick-translated with digoxigenin deoxy-uridine 5'-triphosphate (Boehringer Mannheim), and FISH performed as described in Johnson, Cg. et al., Methods Cell Biol. 35:73-99 (1991). Hybridization with the labeled probe is carried out using a vast excess of human cot-1 DNA for specific hybridization to the corresponding genomic locus.

15 Chromosomes are counterstained with 4,6-diamino-2-phenylidole and propidium iodide, producing a combination of C- and R-bands. Aligned images for precise mapping are obtained using a triple-band filter set (Chroma Technology, Brattleboro, VT) in combination with a cooled charge-coupled device camera (Photometrics, Tucson, AZ) and variable excitation wavelength filters. (Johnson, Cv. et al., Genet. Anal. Tech. Appl., 8:75 (1991).) Image collection, analysis and chromosomal fractional length measurements are performed using the ISee Graphical Program System. (Inovision Corporation, Durham, NC.) Chromosome alterations of the genomic region hybridized by the probe are identified as insertions, deletions, and translocations. These alterations are used as a diagnostic marker for an associated
25 disease.

Example 22: Method of Detecting Abnormal Levels of a Polypeptide in a Biological Sample

30 A polypeptide of the present invention can be detected in a biological sample, and if an increased or decreased level of the polypeptide is detected, this polypeptide is a marker for a particular phenotype. Methods of detection are numerous, and thus, it is understood that one skilled in the art can modify the following assay to fit their particular needs.

35 For example, antibody-sandwich ELISAs are used to detect soluble polypeptides in a sample, preferably a biological sample. Wells of a microtiter plate are coated with specific antibodies, at a final concentration of 0.2 to 10 ug/ml. The antibodies are either monoclonal or polyclonal and are produced by the method

described in Example 10. The wells are blocked so that non-specific binding of the polypeptide to the well is reduced.

The coated wells are then incubated for > 2 hours at RT with a sample containing the polypeptide. Preferably, serial dilutions of the sample should be used to
5 validate results. The plates are then washed three times with deionized or distilled water to remove unbounded polypeptide.

Next, 50 ul of specific antibody-alkaline phosphatase conjugate, at a concentration of 25-400 ng, is added and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature. The plates are again washed three times with deionized or distilled water to remove
10 unbounded conjugate.

Add 75 ul of 4-methylumbelliferyl phosphate (MUP) or p-nitrophenyl phosphate (NPP) substrate solution to each well and incubate 1 hour at room temperature. Measure the reaction by a microtiter plate reader. Prepare a standard curve, using serial dilutions of a control sample, and plot polypeptide concentration on
15 the X-axis (log scale) and fluorescence or absorbance of the Y-axis (linear scale). Interpolate the concentration of the polypeptide in the sample using the standard curve.

Example 23: Formulating a Polypeptide

The secreted polypeptide composition will be formulated and dosed in a fashion
20 consistent with good medical practice, taking into account the clinical condition of the individual patient (especially the side effects of treatment with the secreted polypeptide alone), the site of delivery, the method of administration, the scheduling of administration, and other factors known to practitioners. The "effective amount" for purposes herein is thus determined by such considerations.

As a general proposition, the total pharmaceutically effective amount of secreted polypeptide administered parenterally per dose will be in the range of about 1 µg/kg/day to 10 mg/kg/day of patient body weight, although, as noted above, this will be subject to therapeutic discretion. More preferably, this dose is at least 0.01 mg/kg/day, and most preferably for humans between about 0.01 and 1 mg/kg/day for the hormone. If
30 given continuously, the secreted polypeptide is typically administered at a dose rate of about 1 µg/kg/hour to about 50 µg/kg/hour, either by 1-4 injections per day or by continuous subcutaneous infusions, for example, using a mini-pump. An intravenous bag solution may also be employed. The length of treatment needed to observe changes and the interval following treatment for responses to occur appears to vary depending
35 on the desired effect.

Pharmaceutical compositions containing the secreted protein of the invention are administered orally, rectally, parenterally, intracisternally, intravaginally,

intraperitoneally, topically (as by powders, ointments, gels, drops or transdermal patch), buccally, or as an oral or nasal spray. "Pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" refers to a non-toxic solid, semisolid or liquid filler, diluent, encapsulating material or formulation auxiliary of any type. The term "parenteral" as used herein refers to modes of administration which include intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intrasternal, subcutaneous and intraarticular injection and infusion.

The secreted polypeptide is also suitably administered by sustained-release systems. Suitable examples of sustained-release compositions include semi-permeable polymer matrices in the form of shaped articles, e.g., films, or microcapsules. Sustained-release matrices include polylactides (U.S. Pat. No. 3,773,919, EP 58,481), copolymers of L-glutamic acid and gamma-ethyl-L-glutamate (Sidman, U. et al., *Biopolymers* 22:547-556 (1983)), poly (2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate) (R. Langer et al., *J. Biomed. Mater. Res.* 15:167-277 (1981), and R. Langer, *Chem. Tech.* 12:98-105 (1982)), ethylene vinyl acetate (R. Langer et al.) or poly-D-(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid (EP 133,988). Sustained-release compositions also include liposomally entrapped polypeptides. Liposomes containing the secreted polypeptide are prepared by methods known per se: DE 3,218,121; Epstein et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:3688-3692 (1985); Hwang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:4030-4034 (1980); EP 52,322; EP 36,676; EP 88,046; EP 143,949; EP 142,641; Japanese Pat. Appl. 83-118008; U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,485,045 and 4,544,545; and EP 102,324. Ordinarily, the liposomes are of the small (about 200-800 Angstroms) unilamellar type in which the lipid content is greater than about 30 mol. percent cholesterol, the selected proportion being adjusted for the optimal secreted polypeptide therapy.

For parenteral administration, in one embodiment, the secreted polypeptide is formulated generally by mixing it at the desired degree of purity, in a unit dosage injectable form (solution, suspension, or emulsion), with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, i.e., one that is non-toxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed and is compatible with other ingredients of the formulation. For example, the formulation preferably does not include oxidizing agents and other compounds that are known to be deleterious to polypeptides.

Generally, the formulations are prepared by contacting the polypeptide uniformly and intimately with liquid carriers or finely divided solid carriers or both. Then, if necessary, the product is shaped into the desired formulation. Preferably the carrier is a parenteral carrier, more preferably a solution that is isotonic with the blood of the recipient. Examples of such carrier vehicles include water, saline, Ringer's solution, and dextrose solution. Non-aqueous vehicles such as fixed oils and ethyl oleate are also useful herein, as well as liposomes.

The carrier suitably contains minor amounts of additives such as substances that enhance isotonicity and chemical stability. Such materials are non-toxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed, and include buffers such as phosphate, citrate, succinate, acetic acid, and other organic acids or their salts; antioxidants such as ascorbic acid; low molecular weight (less than about ten residues) polypeptides, e.g., polyarginine or tripeptides; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids, such as glycine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, or arginine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including cellulose or its derivatives, glucose, manose, or dextrans; chelating agents such as EDTA; sugar alcohols such as mannitol or sorbitol; counterions such as sodium; and/or nonionic surfactants such as polysorbates, poloxamers, or PEG.

The secreted polypeptide is typically formulated in such vehicles at a concentration of about 0.1 mg/ml to 100 mg/ml, preferably 1-10 mg/ml, at a pH of about 3 to 8. It will be understood that the use of certain of the foregoing excipients, carriers, or stabilizers will result in the formation of polypeptide salts.

Any polypeptide to be used for therapeutic administration can be sterile. Sterility is readily accomplished by filtration through sterile filtration membranes (e.g., 0.2 micron membranes). Therapeutic polypeptide compositions generally are placed into a container having a sterile access port, for example, an intravenous solution bag or vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle.

Polypeptides ordinarily will be stored in unit or multi-dose containers, for example, sealed ampoules or vials, as an aqueous solution or as a lyophilized formulation for reconstitution. As an example of a lyophilized formulation, 10-ml vials are filled with 5 ml of sterile-filtered 1% (w/v) aqueous polypeptide solution, and the resulting mixture is lyophilized. The infusion solution is prepared by reconstituting the lyophilized polypeptide using bacteriostatic Water-for-Injection.

The invention also provides a pharmaceutical pack or kit comprising one or more containers filled with one or more of the ingredients of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. Associated with such container(s) can be a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use or sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, which notice reflects approval by the agency of manufacture, use or sale for human administration. In addition, the polypeptides of the present invention may be employed in conjunction with other therapeutic compounds.

Example 24: Method of Treating Decreased Levels of the Polypeptide

It will be appreciated that conditions caused by a decrease in the standard or normal expression level of a secreted protein in an individual can be treated by administering the polypeptide of the present invention, preferably in the secreted form.

- 5 Thus, the invention also provides a method of treatment of an individual in need of an increased level of the polypeptide comprising administering to such an individual a pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of the polypeptide to increase the activity level of the polypeptide in such an individual.

- 10 For example, a patient with decreased levels of a polypeptide receives a daily dose 0.1-100 ug/kg of the polypeptide for six consecutive days. Preferably, the polypeptide is in the secreted form. The exact details of the dosing scheme, based on administration and formulation, are provided in Example 23.

Example 25: Method of Treating Increased Levels of the Polypeptide

- 15 Antisense technology is used to inhibit production of a polypeptide of the present invention. This technology is one example of a method of decreasing levels of a polypeptide, preferably a secreted form, due to a variety of etiologies, such as cancer.

- For example, a patient diagnosed with abnormally increased levels of a polypeptide is administered intravenously antisense polynucleotides at 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 20 2.0 and 3.0 mg/kg day for 21 days. This treatment is repeated after a 7-day rest period if the treatment was well tolerated. The formulation of the antisense polynucleotide is provided in Example 23.

Example 26: Method of Treatment Using Gene Therapy

- 25 One method of gene therapy transplants fibroblasts, which are capable of expressing a polypeptide, onto a patient. Generally, fibroblasts are obtained from a subject by skin biopsy. The resulting tissue is placed in tissue-culture medium and separated into small pieces. Small chunks of the tissue are placed on a wet surface of a tissue culture flask, approximately ten pieces are placed in each flask. The flask is 30 turned upside down, closed tight and left at room temperature over night. After 24 hours at room temperature, the flask is inverted and the chunks of tissue remain fixed to the bottom of the flask and fresh media (e.g., Ham's F12 media, with 10% FBS, penicillin and streptomycin, is added. The flasks are then incubated at 37°C for approximately one week.

At this time, fresh media is added and subsequently changed every several days. After an additional two weeks in culture, a monolayer of fibroblasts emerge. The monolayer is trypsinized and scaled into larger flasks.

5 pMV-7 (Kirschmeier, P.T. et al., DNA, 7:219-25 (1988)), flanked by the long terminal repeats of the Moloney murine sarcoma virus, is digested with EcoRI and HindIII and subsequently treated with calf intestinal phosphatase. The linear vector is fractionated on agarose gel and purified, using glass beads.

10 The cDNA encoding a polypeptide of the present invention can be amplified using PCR primers which correspond to the 5' and 3' end sequences respectively as set forth in Example 1. Preferably, the 5' primer contains an EcoRI site and the 3' primer includes a HindIII site. Equal quantities of the Moloney murine sarcoma virus linear backbone and the amplified EcoRI and HindIII fragment are added together, in the presence of T4 DNA ligase. The resulting mixture is maintained under conditions appropriate for ligation of the two fragments. The ligation mixture is then used to
15 transform bacteria HB101, which are then plated onto agar containing kanamycin for the purpose of confirming that the vector has the gene of interest properly inserted.

The amphotropic pA317 or GP+am12 packaging cells are grown in tissue culture to confluent density in Dulbecco's Modified Eagles Medium (DMEM) with 10% calf serum (CS), penicillin and streptomycin. The MSV vector containing the gene is
20 then added to the media and the packaging cells transduced with the vector. The packaging cells now produce infectious viral particles containing the gene (the packaging cells are now referred to as producer cells).

Fresh media is added to the transduced producer cells, and subsequently, the media is harvested from a 10 cm plate of confluent producer cells. The spent media,
25 containing the infectious viral particles, is filtered through a millipore filter to remove detached producer cells and this media is then used to infect fibroblast cells. Media is removed from a sub-confluent plate of fibroblasts and quickly replaced with the media from the producer cells. This media is removed and replaced with fresh media. If the titer of virus is high, then virtually all fibroblasts will be infected and no selection is
30 required. If the titer is very low, then it is necessary to use a retroviral vector that has a selectable marker, such as neo or his. Once the fibroblasts have been efficiently infected, the fibroblasts are analyzed to determine whether protein is being produced.

The engineered fibroblasts are then transplanted onto the host, either alone or after having been grown to confluence on cytodex 3 microcarrier beads.

It will be clear that the invention may be practiced otherwise than as particularly described in the foregoing description and examples. Numerous modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings and, therefore, are within the scope of the appended claims.

- 5 The entire disclosure of each document cited (including patents, patent applications, journal articles, abstracts, laboratory manuals, books, or other disclosures) in the Background of the Invention, Detailed Description, and Examples is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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